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Social enterprise to take on learning disabilities service

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KEY Somerset county councillors last week agreed to continue with the transfer of its in-house learning disabilities service to a new social enterprise at the start of April.

A meeting of the council's Cabinet considered but rejected a request from the county's scrutiny committee earlier in the month to delay the transfer and review the original decision to move to a social enterprise.

The decision to move to a social enterprise was made as the council looks to improve services and make them sustainable in the long-term.

Somerset County Council believes the new organisation will give service users more choice and encourage innovation in a service that would otherwise go into continued decline as fewer people are choosing to use it.

At the meeting last week, Cabinet agreed to make it clear to the provider that meaningful consultation is necessary. It also agreed that if an additional contribution to funds already set aside to compensate staff for any potential changes to terms and conditions is required, the council would support this.

About 1,200 staff in its Learning Disabilities Provider Service are on track to transfer to the new social enterprise on April 1st.

The meeting was attended by many staff, service users and carers raising concerns surrounding potential changes to staff terms and conditions, and how day services will be provided in the future.

Leader of the council, Councillor John Osman, said: "We need to move the service forward. Throughout all of this the aim has been to ensure that services for people with learning disabilities are of high quality but also sustainable.

"Delaying this would not be the right thing to do. It will only serve to lengthen the uncertainty for staff and people who use the service.

"We know there is a lot of good work done by our staff and that is highly valued. But fewer people, especially young people, are coming into the service.

"This move will allow it to develop, innovate and provide the kind of services that people are increasingly wanting."

The new enterprise is being created in partnership with nationwide care provider Dimensions UK. Dimensions has notified staff that it will be consulting over existing terms and conditions once they transfer.

Before the meeting and following public backlash over the transfer, Councillor Osman had said: "I do understand and acknowledge the level of anxiety and upset but we must not lose sight of the fact that we are doing the right thing for those using our services."

■ **COUNCILLOR John Osman, leader of Somerset County Council, said moving the services to a social enterprise was 'the right thing' for those using the services**

YEOVIL NEWS THIS WEEK

A FORMER student of Preston School in Yeovil is celebrating after being part of the team which won a coveted Oscar at the recent-star studded awards in Los Angeles.

Andy Hewiston, now aged 30, attended the awards after working on 'The White Helmets', which won best short documentary.

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CHARD NEWS THIS WEEK

THE first Club Matters workshop was recently held at Chard Rugby FC to support local sports clubs, help them to thrive and provide good quality sporting opportunities to the residents of South Somerset.

The event was free to attend and this week focused on marketing, with more scheduled on various other topics.

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ILMINSTER NEWS THIS WEEK

THE campaign to 'Rescue Doreen', a statue of a wartime evacuee at Donyatt Halt, was given a boost after it received £2,000 from Tesco in the Bags of Help campaign.

The campaign sees shoppers vote for which local project they would like the money raised from the 5p carrier bag charge to support.

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CREWKERNE NEWS THIS WEEK

CREWKERNE & District University of the Third Age (U3A) is making plans for its 20th birthday in June, with an exhibition at the Victoria Hall to be opened by the town's mayor.

All 40 plus special interest groups that run under the auspices of the U3A are being asked to take part by submitting materials to go on display on the big day.

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Council welcomes funding for M5

SOMERSET County Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council have welcomed news of Highways England's funding boost to ensure that improvements to Junction 25 of the M5 are given the green light.

Funding to the tune of £4million from Highways England's Growth and Housing Fund will enable improvements to take place at the busy motorway junction, improving traffic flow whilst creating substantial benefits to the Strategic Road Network.

The announcement made on Thursday, March 16th also helps unlock access to a new 35-hectare development site which has the potential to deliver up to 2,400 jobs and other

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East Devon & South Somerset

Big turnout for public meeting called over hospital bed closures

COLYFORD Memorial Hall was packed for East Devon Alliance's (EDA) public meeting last Saturday to fight the decision to close hospital beds in Seaton and elsewhere in East Devon.

The main purpose of the meeting was to identify ways of trying to overturn the decision made by NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group.

Independent county councillor Claire Wright was the guest speaker.

She was recently successful in tabling a motion that Devon County Council should demand a list of assurances from the CCG, or request that Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt gets involved if no assurances materialise.

The stage also featured EDA leader Dr Cathy Gardner and EDA county council candidates Paul Arnott, Martin Shaw and Paul Hayward.

The latest wave of bed cuts came when the CCG announced a decision to reduce the number of community hospital beds in East Devon from 143 to 72, including every bed in Seaton and Honiton.

This is in addition to previous bed closures in Axminster and Ottery.

But there is a strong feeling that the public consultation exercise was flawed, and that the CCG decision was not in the best interest of the health service in the area.

Those attending the meeting in Colyford included campaigners who have fought to save beds in Ottery, Honiton and Axminster.

The possibility of seeking a judicial review was discussed, with most seeming to prefer individual judicial review applications from each affected town rather than one for all.

The cost for a judicial review was estimated at anything from £10,000 to £30,000.

Many of those present blamed The Health and Social Care Act 2012 for current problems.

Dr Gardner, for example, said: "It abolished the NHS as we knew it."

Axminster town councillor Jeremy Walden, who will stand as a Labour candidate for Axminster in the forthcoming county council election, said: "There is no point writing to your MP [Neil Parish], he is no good at all. He voted for this act."

But when the CCG decision was announced, Mr Parish reacted angrily. He said: "I can't hide my disappointment at this decision. The CCG have bulldozed through these proposals after a sham consultation."

He met with Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt on Monday, March 13th, after which his office issued a statement saying: "Neil made clear to Jeremy Hunt the unique circumstances of healthcare in Devon and ensuring the local NHS is held to account on its decisions.

"This includes ensuring that all healthcare performance is maintained in the region and that patient experience is not diminished if any beds are removed."

It is understood that Mr Parish has also met with those involved with the fight to save beds in Axminster.

The EDA meeting in Colyford lasted for about 90 minutes and it was decided to put pressure on town and parish councils, and East Devon District Council to oppose the bed closure decision.

An action plan will be finalised in about two weeks' time when it is known where town and parish councils, and other interested parties stand.

It was also agreed to support campaign group Save Our Hospital Services' 'More Fool Them – You Can't Fool Us Day' on Saturday, April 1st.

Lines of protestors dressed in red will be formed outside a string of hospitals including Seaton (10am), Honiton (11am) and Ottery (2pm).

More information is available online at www.sohs.org.uk

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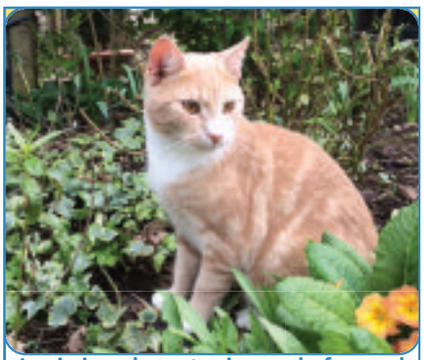

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Extra help available to those who rent privately and are struggling to keep up

PRIVATE renters are being reminded that Universal Credit is available if they are struggling to pay their rent.

Leading UK poverty charity Turn2us has said that many private renters who are struggling to pay their rent are unaware of the help that they are eligible for.

The charity says that there are 44,394 claimants receiving housing benefit in Devon and 33,931 in Somerset.

Universal Credit is a single monthly payment for people in or out of work.

It replaces some of the benefits and tax credits that you might be getting from Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support or Child Tax Credit.

The rollout of the Government initiative was met with public backlash.

In February MPs launched an official investigation into the benefits system after evidence showed thousands were facing eviction over delays in the payment.

However, Turn2us says that some private renters who are seeking help, who are told that they don't qualify for housing benefit, are not aware that they could be eligible for Universal Credit.

The charity says that the problem is with private renters who aren't receiving means-tested benefits not being signposted clearly to the fact that they could receive support via Universal Credit.

It is feared that, when eligible people do eventually become aware that they can apply, the six week wait for Universal Credit will mean that many will be vulnerable to falling in to arrears or further arrears and may lose their home.

The charity says that the delay in claiming can be compounded by the payment of the housing costs element of Universal Credit being held up.

Turn2us says that a key issue is that many people who are eligible for Universal Credit are not aware that they are eligible for it at all and miss out on the support that could help them with housing costs.

Another issue to people claiming Universal Credit to help with housing costs is that the claim often requires a confirmation from a landlord to the amount of rent.

Encouraging struggling renters to seek help, Simon Hopkins, Chief Executive of Turn2us, said: "It is crucial to seek help if you are struggling to pay your rent.

"Support is available and while you might not always be eligible, it is important to check what you are entitled to so that you do not miss out on help that you could be receiving.

"This is particularly the case if that help could mean the difference between going into arrears or not."

More funding for home safety

SOUTH Somerset Careline – the emergency response system for people who need reassurance that help is at hand at the push of a button – has secured a further £5,000 in funding from Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service to work in partnership to improve home safety.

The grant has been awarded to increase safety in the homes of South Somerset District Council's Careline customers.

In 2015, Careline was awarded an initial grant to help pay for the installation of smoke alarms in customers' homes.

In the past year, 156 people were referred to the fire service for a Home Safety Visit. A total of 149 free smoke detectors which link directly to Careline's control centre were installed.

A direct link to Careline ensures customers will always receive an immediate response in the case of smoke or fire.

The new funding will enable Careline to continue to support vulnerable people by installing a further 250 smoke detectors directly into people's homes.

Station manager Matt Evans, from Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service, said: "We are really pleased to be working so successfully in partnership with South Somerset Careline.

"Working together we will continue to help vulnerable people in our community to make their homes safer."

Councillor Sylvia Seal, Portfolio Holder for Careline, said: "We are extremely grateful to the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service for the further funding they have put in to this fantastic initiative.

"Ensuring more residents of South Somerset have smoke alarms installed is a job well done and increases the safety of our residents."

Careline is an emergency response system for people who need reassurance that help is at hand at the push of a button 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

The service provides an emergency alarm pendant that can be worn at all times, which links to the local control centre where emergency staff are on hand to answer calls.

A free demonstration in the home can be offered and, if happy with the service, staff can connect and set up the unit immediately.

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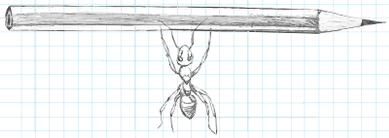

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Somerset to go to the polls with 55 seats available at county council

WOULD-BE councillors have less than a month to put themselves forward for Somerset County Council elections in May.

The deadline for nominations is 4pm on Tuesday, April 4th and there are 55 seats available to be filled when the county goes to the ballot box on May 4th.

The authority is encouraging passionate people who want to make a difference to come forward and stand for election and says each seat is a chance to "make a real different to the local community and get involved in the huge range of services provided by the council".

"County councillors can have a big impact on the communities they serve," said Pat Flaherty, the council's chief executive and the returning officer for the elections.

"They can champion local issues and influence decisions and the way the authority works.

"We want people from all sorts of backgrounds and walks of life to stand in the May elections and would urge anyone who is considering it to take the plunge and find out more.

"You don't have to belong to a political party or have previous experience. We want people who can bring their life experiences into the council and bring the voice of the local community."

In return for their work with local communities and attending meetings and events, councillors receive allowances and are provided with IT equipment and offered training to help them in their role.

More information on putting yourself forward for election can be found on the council's website at www.somerset.gov.uk/elections, and for full information on qualifications and disqualifications for standing, see The Electoral Commission's website http://bit.ly/2nVb6Xh

Meanwhile, voters are urged to make sure they are registered to vote on Somerset County Council polling day.

The call for voters to sign up comes as the Electoral Commission launches a national voter registration campaign to encourage as many people as possible to register ahead of elections taking place this year across the country.

South Somerset District Council are now also reminding voters in South Somerset that they need to register by the deadline of Thursday, April 13th otherwise they won't be able to take part in the Somerset County Council elections.

Ian Clarke, electoral registration officer for South Somerset District Council, said: "Time is running out to make sure you can take part in elections this May, so I'd encourage everyone in South Somerset to take action now if they're not already registered to vote.

"It's quick and easy to register, but after the deadline of April 13th, it will be too late."

Emma Hartley, head of campaigns at the Electoral Commission, added: "Our research shows that young people, students and recent home movers are particularly less likely to be registered to vote. So if you have moved house recently, then make sure you're registered correctly.

"If you're not registered, you won't be able to have your say on issues that directly affect your day-to-day life in Somerset."

To register to vote, visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote before Thursday, April 13th.

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Somerset hospice commended in Care Awards

THE Somerset-based St Margaret's Hospice has been commended by Care Focus at its annual Care Awards.

The hospice has been nominated in the End of Life Care category and staff are looking forward to the awards evening in April.

The award is one of 12 being announced on the night and staff and volunteers are crossing their fingers for success.

St Margaret's cares for over 3,200 people each year across Somerset. With two hospice sites - one in Yeovil and one in Taunton - as well as five community-based teams caring for patients in their own homes, St Margaret's continually strives to reach everyone in the community that needs their care.

The number of people needing this care is growing and St Margaret's are dedicated to doing all they can to reach this increasing number of patients.

St Margaret's chief executive officer, Ann Lee, said: "It's always an honour to hear that our staff and volunteers are being recognised at award ceremonies.

"Every day our patients, families and carers witness the length to which our staff and volunteers will go to, to make sure each day counts for all of our patients. From simply being a friendly face to arranging an on-site wedding, it's often been said that nothing is too much trouble."

"We'd like to say a big thank you to Care Focus for arranging the awards. We're delighted to have made it this far in the process.

Plans for employment site off M25

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new employment opportunities.

The county council's highways and transport spokesman, Councillor David Fothergill, said: "This announcement is great news for Somerset and a huge boost for the county town.

"Somerset County Council has worked tirelessly with Highways England to secure this £4million funding, which provides the last piece of the funding package necessary to take this scheme forward.

"Improvements will not only ensure the motorway junction is fit for the town's future growth, but will also unlock access to a new employment site potentially attracting new businesses to the area guaranteed to benefit Taunton, Somerset and beyond."

Councillor John Williams, leader of Taunton Deane Borough Council, also welcomed the announcement saying: "This is further excellent news and a vote of confidence in the newly designated Garden Town.

"We have ambitious plans for Taunton, particularly at J25 where we are proposing to create a major employment site to boost our economy and create thousands of new jobs.

"This funding demonstrates that Taunton's already first class road and rail connections are about to get even better, making us a great place to invest and do business."

The Junction 25 M5 improvements will be delivered by Somerset County Council and supported by private sector contributions, funding from Taunton Deane Borough Council and the Heart of South West LEP Local Growth Fund in addition to the Highways England funding announced on Thursday, March 16th.

Subject to planning approval, the improvements are expected to start in summer next year.

First 'Club Matters' meeting offers advice to local sports organisations

The first 'Club Matters' workshop on marketing was recently held at Chard Rugby FC to support local sports clubs, help them to thrive and provide good quality sporting opportunities to the residents of South Somerset.

The event was free to attend and well-received by local clubs. It gives sporting organisations the tools to promote themselves more effectively, remove some of the barriers to people joining and get more people active in the district.

Town and district councillor Amanda Broom, who organised the event, explained: "In early 2016 I submitted a motion to full district council, asking members to support a future plan for sporting facilities and sporting development within Chard.

"This work is now underway, but in reviewing club needs, it became clear that Sport England can offer support to complement the district council. One of the key ideas with setting this up was to enable all clubs to network with each other and discuss best practice, agree strategic plans and work together where possible."

The first event was attended by many sports clubs, representatives from Holyrood Academy, and Thorncombe Sports and Social Club. Feedback has been promising so far.

Gavin Smillie, chairman of Chard Rugby Club said: "I found it really useful, Paul Black of Club Matters kept it light and interesting. I have already made changes to our website following his suggestions."

Another workshop is now being arranged which can be on any of the following subjects – Club Finances, Club Structures, Business Planning or Tax Requirements. Clubs involved will get the choice of which subject gets tackled next and it's hoped more clubs will come forward to take part in the workshops.

Councillor Sylvia Seal, portfolio holder for leisure and culture, added: "The workshop was very well attended and it was great to see so many different groups interested in learning to promote themselves.

"It certainly gave a lot of food for thought and some really useful tips. The ball is now rolling and we are confident we will see many more groups and clubs that will want to take part in another session."

If you run a club and are keen to be involved in the forthcoming workshops, please email sportsdevelopment@southsomerset.gov.uk

■ REPRESENTATIVES from local spoting clubs attend the first 'Club Matters' meeting

Training offered for new nursing role

SOMERSET NHS Trusts and local education providers have formed a partnership to offer training for the first wave of nursing associates.

The new nursing associate role will support registered nurses across the county.

Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust led a bid submitted to Health Education England to run a pilot scheme for the new nursing role, and partner organisations include Taunton & Somerset NHS Foundation Trust, Yeovil District Hospital Foundation Trust, Bridgwater and Taunton College, University of the West of England.

Sue Balcombe, director of nursing and patient safety, welcomed the announcement and said: "We are absolutely delighted that our Somerset bid has been selected as one of the pilots for the new nursing associate role for healthcare in England.

"We know that across our three local NHS trusts, we provide high quality, person-centred care, in a range of acute, mental and community health settings.

"The new role will allow trainees to work with qualified nurses across a variety of these settings while studying to become an associate nurse.

"Our education and training partners, who have a record of success in nursing and apprenticeship training, are well placed to attract and support suitable trainees to fulfil this new role.

"Nurses are often the backbone of health care delivery. But nationally and locally, we struggle to recruit enough.

"We are hopeful that, for the nurses of the future, this new programme will be a stepping stone towards becoming a registered nurse, particularly for those who may have struggled to access training via traditional routes.

"The new role will also allow registered nurses to concentrate on more clinical and specialist care which will ultimately enhance the care our patients will receive.

"I am grateful to all our partners for their commitment and innovative ideas.

"Together, I know we can make this role a success for existing and future staff and, above all, for our patients."

The new nursing associate role will help forge a new career path between health and care support workers who have a care certificate, and graduate registered nurses by offering opportunities for health care assistants to progress into nursing roles.

Recruitment for the new nursing associates has started and the successful candidates will be taking up posts during the spring of 2017.

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Creative blooms at 'naked' flower arranging workshop

■ SPRING COLOURS: Yeovil flower arrangers (from left) Julie Yeomans, Shirley Scott and Karen Bridger

WOMEN from Yeovil attended a workshop on 'naked flower arranging' at Combe St Nicholas Village Hall, near Chard.

Among the beautiful scent of spring flowers - and a lot of laughter - this upcoming trend was explained, then demonstrated step-by-step by their tutor.

Jackie Nicholls, from Somerset-based Ashville Design, who runs the workshops, said: "Naked flower arranging is flower arranging without the need for floral foam.

"Structures are made that can be used again and again, so although these take time to make, they are very cost effective and great fun in the process. Best of all, no-one needs any experience."

During the workshops, each participant made a vase out of twigs. The rustic containers were then decorated and filled with their favourite spring flowers, some of which had been flown in freshly cut from the Scilly Isles the day before.

Shirley Scott said: "This was my first workshop. I was really pleased with the design I made even though I wished I'd brought more twigs! The workshop was very welcoming, friendly, relaxed and informative. Ten out of ten from me."

Jackie added: "I was incredibly proud of everyone who attended these workshops. Apart from fun, friendship and flowers, the results were fabulous. Well done ladies!"

For details of upcoming workshops visit www.ashvilledesign.co.uk or call Jackie on 01460 67795 or 07906 259 683.

■ FANCY A DRINK? The dietetics team at Yeovil Hospital handed out free water on Thirsty Thursday to raise awareness of the importance of staying hydrated

Hospital staff promote Thirsty Thursday

YEOVIL District Hospital has backed a national campaign highlighting the importance of good nutrition and hydration.

Patients and staff at Yeovil Hospital have been busy enjoying a variety of food and drink-themed events during this year's Nutrition and Hydration Week.

The national campaign, which ran from March 13th to 19th highlighted the importance of good nutrition at all stages of life, from infancy to old age. The week also recognises the impact social isolation has on nutritional intake, especially in the elderly.

Visitors to the hospital will be able to find out more information from the stand in main reception with quizzes, leaflets and free water on Thirsty Thursday kindly donated by Medtronic and Nutricia.

Staff from the hospital's dietetics team ran an afternoon tea party on two of the wards on Wednesday, March 15th to encourage patients, their visitors and staff to interact and socialise to help combat the feelings of isolation experienced by many while in hospital.

The week ended with Fruity Friday that saw patients on the hospital's children's ward enjoying fruit kebabs and smoothies.

Head of dietetics Alison Kyle said: "Good nutrition and hydration are always important and that is especially true when you are in hospital as it can have a huge impact on your recovery. We hope that during the week of events patients, visitors and staff will enjoy getting involved."

Former Preston pupil heads to Hollywood

A FORMER Preston School student in Yeovil is still pinching himself after being part of a team which won a coveted Oscar at the recent star-studded awards in Los Angeles – the only British success at the 2017 event.

Sound recordist and boom operator Andy Hewitson jumped at the chance when a last-minute ticket became available to attend the Oscars ceremony at the 89th Academy Awards.

He had worked on the 40-minute film entitled 'The White Helmets' – about a volunteer rescue group that operates in rebel-held parts of Syria – which was nominated and subsequently won the Oscar for the best short documentary.

Andy said that it was a "surreal experience" to be sat among the rich and famous of the Hollywood "royalty."

"I already knew that the film was nominated, but as the nomination was for the director (Orlando von Einsiedel) and producer (Joanna Natasegara), I was fully expecting to be cheering from the sofa at home in London," he said.

"But Jo rang and said they had been given some extra tickets and asked me if I'd be interested in coming to the Oscars. Obviously I jumped at the chance and got my flights booked straight away."

Andy, 30, who went to Preston School in Yeovil as a student from 1997 to 2002, said: "The Oscar day itself was an absolute whirlwind. A completely surreal experience – especially when I look back to when I first started eight years ago and would never have thought I would ever be anywhere near something so prestigious, let alone to be a part of such an important project.

"When both Jo and Orlando got up to accept the award and Orlando asked all of Hollywood's finest to stand in solidarity it really hit home how incredibly lucky I was to have been involved with this project.

"I am very fortunate in my job. I travel to many amazing places and meet some incredibly interesting people, but this will forever hold a place in my heart.

"To have met some of those amazing people and spent a small amount of time with them was a real honour and something I will cherish forever."

The White Helmets consist of about 3,000 volunteers from all over Syria, previously tradespeople such as tailors, builders and plumbers, who risk their lives to pull out others from the bomb-wreckage of the war-torn country.

■ ANDY Hewitson at Hollywood during his visit to LA for the Oscars

Andy said: "It was without doubt the most intense, upsetting but equally affirming experience I've ever had. The White Helmets are without doubt the most wonderful, strong and humble men I have ever met.

"We spoke with them via our translator, we ate with them, we drank tea with them, we basically did everything with them for the five weeks we were there making the film."

Andy was born in Cornwall, but moved to Somerset as a child because his father was in the Royal Navy and based at RNAS Yeovilton.

"I did most of my primary and all of my secondary education in Yeovil," he said.

"I really enjoyed school at Preston, but wasn't academic in the slightest and definitely lacked any drive so ended up doing pretty pants in my GCSEs.

"My parents are both from the North East so when I finished school and dad had left the navy we all headed back up north.

"After college in Bishop Auckland I ended up at Sunderland University doing a media degree which I passed with a first. The university had a funding agreement with a local film organisation where the main crew would be all industry veterans and the rest would be crewed by recent graduates.

"I worked as a boom operator for five weeks in 2009 on an independent film called I Am Nasrine. After that I then threw myself into the film industry working on a variety of short films and low budget feature films up and down the country. One of those films led to an opportunity to move to London in mid-2010.

"I then spent the next four years working on a wide variety of films, TV shows, TV commercials and documentaries.

"Over that period I met the cameraman who would later put me forward for The White Helmets documentary."

Headliners announced for Home Farm Fest

ORGANISERS of the annual Home Farm Fest, held near Yeovil, have announced the headliners for the 2017 festival.

The festival is held at Home Farm in Chilthorne Domer and helps to raise money for the School in a Bag initiative, which is part of the Piers Simon Appeal.

This year's festival is being held on June 9th to 11th and organisers have just announced the bands which will be headlining on each day of the festival on the four main stages, as follows:

Friday, June 9th: The Domer – Scoot; The Dutch Barn – Talia Smith; The Folkroom – Michael Garrett & Chumbs; The Lloyd Lounge – Hundred Days.

Saturday, June 10th: The Domer – Crimson on Silver; The Dutch Barn – Snakebyte; The Folkroom – The Butcher by Paul Mosley; The Lloyd Lounge – The Renegades.

Sunday, June 11th: The Domer – Alphabet Backwards; The Dutch Barn – The Rosa Gray Band; The Folkroom – Emma Ballentine; The Lloyd Lounge – Roughcut Blues.

More than 100 bands will take part over the three-day festival covering six stages and there will be plenty of children's activities, refreshments and side stalls and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Entry costs £45 for a weekender ticket or £15 for Friday, £25 for Saturday and £15 for Sunday. Ticket prices are halved for those aged between six and 17, and are free for children aged up to five years. Camping and caravanning facilities are available.

For further details or to book tickets, visit www.schoolinabag.org/homefarmfest/2017/

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Brownies take step back in time during visit to museum

THE 1st Chard Brownies were keen to try on vintage costumes as they joined trustees Vince Lean and Linda Vijeh at Chard Museum for a private visit to learn more about their town.

The Brownies' focus was on what life would have been like for children in Victorian times.

The museum is keen to reach out to the local community by providing access to historic teaching aids and inviting groups to come and visit out of normal open hours.

A special Mother's Day arts and crafts event is being held at the museum on Sunday, March 26th from 10am to 1pm.

Pictured left, girls from the Brownies try on costumes and, above, with trustees Vince Lean and Linda Vijeh.

■ **BEVISS & Beckingsale were named Law Firm of the Year at the recent Devon & Somerset Law Society Legal Awards**

Local law firm picks up award

LAW firm Beviss & Beckingsale, which has a branch in Chard, has been named Law Firm of the Year (1 - 10 Partners) in the Devon & Somerset Law Society Legal Awards 2017.

The winners were announced on March 2nd at a Black Tie event at Sandy Park in Exeter, attended by more than 350 members of Devon and Somerset's legal profession.

The awards recognise the contribution that law firms make to local communities and the economy in the two counties.

Partner Zoe Gaitskell, who collected the award on the night, said: "I was thrilled to have accepted the award on behalf of everyone at Beviss & Beckingsale. The evening was a great success and demonstrated there is still a need for a good quality high street lawyer."

Partner Mark Carlisle added: "We are delighted to have won this award. It is a fantastic achievement. Our central ethos is 'one team', ensuring our valued clients receive the same outstanding service and expertise in all offices and departments.

"In particular, I would like to emphasise that the award is in recognition of our hard working and dedicated staff."

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Pupils offer support to Somerset Sight after visit from the charity

CHARD School pupils were visited by local charity 'Somerset Sight', which reaches out to sight impaired people in both the towns and villages of Somerset with a range of services and activities.

Through a variety of activities, the children were shown the difficulties that the blind and partially sighted encounter and how they can be helped to overcome these to manage their daily lives.

There were four different work stations that the children circulated around - colouring a picture whilst wearing spectacles that simulated restricted sight; trying out equipment that assists with partially sighted or blind; deciphering Braille and encoding messages; and completing worksheets on the structure of the eye.

A spokesperson for the school said: "Many thanks to Somerset Sight for their very informative workshop."

Following the visit, pupils held a cake sale raising £42 to donate to the charity to help them continue their work.

Chard School hosts poetry recital

CHARD School's chapel was overrun with characters straight from the verses of some of Britain's most celebrated poems, as the school held its much-anticipated Poetry Recital Assembly.

The pupils showed off their recitation skills with reception children performing 'Cats', Year 1 entertaining the audience royally with 'The King's Breakfast', Year 2 and half of Year 3 telling the story of 'The Owl and the Pussycat', and the rest of Year 3 performing the Roald Dahl version of 'Red Riding Hood and the Wolf'.

Year 4 told the story of 'The Spider and the Fly' while Year 5 performed 'Macavity the Mystery Cat' and Year 6 were splendidly witchy in their recitation from 'Macbeth'.

Headteacher Mrs Graham said: "Many thanks to those at home who helped with costumes and props and also to Mrs Lewis, Mrs Snell, Mrs Downing and Mrs Squires for coaching the children and providing us with such a wonderful morning! Bravo!"

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Former prison chaplain speaks for Inner Wheel

THE speaker at Chard Inner Wheel Club's recent meeting was the Reverend Anna Flindell.

She spoke of her years as a prison chaplain in HMP Guys Marsh with 630 male prisoners and on her first day at the prison she was issued with a whistle, but also an emergency red button on her radio if needed.

The Reverend Flindell told club members that prisoners often went to the chapel for coffee as they were not allowed it elsewhere in the prison.

Many problems existed in prison - mental health issues, paedophiles, drug and alcohol addiction, legal highs and the poor backgrounds many prisoners come from.

Chaplains were there for every faith and none. Faith was never forced but always there and the Reverend Flindell had some success stories of prisoners turning their lives around.

Many questions followed the talk and a Vote of Thanks was given by the club's past president Margaret Burkhardt.

New moves at folk dance club

THE second meeting of the year for Chard Folk Dance Club started where the first one left off - with the dancers learning lots of new dances.

This time the caller was Ian Ludbrook and the first dance he called was aptly named 'Awakening'.

A spokesperson for the dance club said: "It was just what was needed to get most of the members present up on their feet. Each dance chosen by Ian seemed to have a different formation. There was a circle shape, a diamond shape, and even a kind of horseshoe shape.

"Whilst most of the dances required members to dance as couples, there was even one called Domino 5, for five individuals. The musicians were Jeroka."

Council apprentice speaks out on how the opportunity has helped with career goals

A CARE leaver from Chard, who is currently undertaking an apprenticeship with Somerset County Council, has spoken about how the opportunity has changed his future career ambitions.

Tommy Wardle, a 25-year-old apprentice business support officer, is one of 37 apprentices currently working for Somerset County Council.

He works with the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Commissioning Team three days a week, while completing a Level 2 Diploma in Business Administration at Richard Huish College.

Tommy said: "I've been in my role and employed by the county council for the last six months.

"I enjoy my apprenticeship and I've learnt so many skills which I can take with me as I continue my career. My overall ambition is to do a degree in social work, so that I can become a children's social worker.

"The reason I want to get into children's services is because I was in care at the age of three. I feel that now I can give back and be a role model for children like me. That being said, my apprenticeship has opened my eyes and made me realise how hard a job social workers actually do and now I truly appreciate what they did for me.

"It hasn't been an easy six months; during the course of completing my diploma I found out that I suffer with dyslexia and find it hard to write down what I'm thinking. With the support of colleagues, managers and the support of the college I'm now back on top of all my work and powering through it."

The council is aiming to employ around 150 apprentices and trainees per year with opportunities across a number of services at the council including IT, Procurement, Property, Support Services for Education and Community Governance.

Councillor Anna Groskop, spokesman for HR and transformation at Somerset County Council, said: "Apprentices are the future workforce of Somerset and are so valuable to the services they work with.

"The creation of opportunities for young people is one of the key priorities for boosting the local economy, as outlined in the council's County Plan.

"We work closely with our college partners to create apprenticeships within the council but to also encourage businesses across the county to do the same."

To mark the 10th National Apprenticeship Week, staff from the HR department and some of the trainees attended careers fairs at Bridgwater and Taunton College and Richard Huish College earlier this month. Apprenticeship opportunities with Somerset County Council can be found at http://bit.ly/2mwyVDO

Young footballers to play at Huish Park

YOUNG footballers from Avishayes Combe will have the opportunity to show off their skills on the main pitch of Yeovil Town FC next month.

The Avishayes Combe Under-12s – based at Combe St Nicholas near Chard – will face their Somerton Town counterparts in the final of the prestigious High Holborne Shield competition at Huish Park, home of Yeovil Town.

The match is to be played on Sunday, April 30th with an 11am kick-off.

Last year's Avishayes Combe Under-12s also reached the final, but lost out to East Coker Cockerels in an entertaining match.

This year's Under-12s will be hoping to go one better and bring the High Holborne Shield back to Combe.

There is normally an admission charge of £5 for adults and free for children.

Car fire suspected as arson

ARSONISTS are believed to have set fire to a car near garages at Henson Park in Chard in the early hours of Friday, March 10th.

It was coming up to 1am when the alarm was raised and two fire engines from Chard were mobilised. Firefighters found a car was well alight and quickly dealt with the incident.

"Police were requested to attend as the fire was believed to have been started deliberately," said a spokesman for the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service.

Three-car crash at Crimchard

EMERGENCY services were called out on Thursday, March 2nd following a three-vehicle crash in Chard.

The alarm was raised at just before 1.45pm at Crimchard in Chard and three fire engines from Chard and Axminster were mobilised.

The firefighters found one car on its side, while all persons were free and clear of the vehicles.

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Successful U3A makes plans to celebrate its 20th anniversary

CREWKERNE & District University of the Third Age (U3A) is to celebrate its 20th birthday in June with an exhibition at the Victoria Hall to be opened by the town's mayor.

All 40-plus special interest groups that run under the auspices of the U3A are being asked to take part by submitting materials to go on display for the big day on Saturday June 17th.

U3A chairman Anne Bright said: "It should be fantastic. We intend to make it something to be proud of, to celebrate our achievements over the past 20 years.

"Although I am a comparatively new member, it is my privilege to serve this group which does so much for its members and for the town."

In addition to photographs and displays of the work of the U3A and its groups, the day-long exhibition will feature a show of singing, dancing and poetry. A special edition of the group's magazine is also planned.

Since it started in 1997, Crewkerne & District U3A has grown from strength to strength and now has 360 members and groups that cater for a wide range of interests, from film-making and local history, to philosophy and wine appreciation.

There are 11 people who went to that first meeting to set up the U3A who are still members. It was held in the old sports pavilion - long since demolished - on the Henhayes playing field.

Leslye Stansfield, one of the founder members, said: "I had seen posters written in crayon around the town and neighbouring villages, so I went along with some of my neighbours because I was intrigued to find out what it was all about.

"There were about 45 people at the meeting and it was a resounding, instant success."

Leslye has been a part of Crewkerne & District U3A since that initial meeting when she joined the literature, history and French conversation groups, which were among the first to be started. Others included writing for pleasure and French for beginners.

She has served on the committee, edited the magazine and today runs the folk dancing group (pictured right).

So what does U3A mean to her? She said: "It is a chance to meet other interesting people, make lots of friends, and there are so many different groups to join and new interests to explore.

"It has given me a whole new outlook on life. Thank goodness I'm retired, because there just wouldn't be enough time to enjoy it all."

Val Watson, who joined U3A in 1997 because she was asked to lead a rambling group, said: "I have made lots of new friends and become involved in many new interests. Because it offers so much I think it has been tremendously good for the town."

She continues to lead the geology study group which she set up in 2004. With more than 70 members, it is the largest in the U3A.

Val is also a member of the fun of language and art appreciation groups, and in the past has belonged to the art and Latin groups.

"I think the U3A has been very successful indeed," commented John Ashworth, who was the chairman for the first two years and is still a member today, leading the discussion group.

It was he and the late Joan Morris, who became the first secretary, who set up the group.

They were members of Yeovil U3A and Joan suggested that Crewkerne should have a group.

Together they called the first public meeting that gave the impetus to set up Crewkerne & District U3A.

"People gave great support and encouragement to the idea and it has gone from strength to strength since then," added John.

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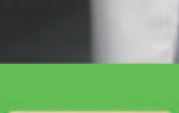

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Wadham School's production of 'Guys & Dolls' a hit with audience

THE adaptation of 'Guys & Dolls' by Wadham School's performing arts department was "quite a contrast" to recent shows at the school.

It was also the first directorial collaboration for Mrs Baker and Miss Middleton, the latter having joined the teaching staff as lead music teacher in September.

A school spokesperson said: "It was quite a contrast with rock operas performed in recent years."

Miss Middleton praised the cast highly for the energy, enthusiasm and moments of comic brilliance that showed through in their performance, saying: "The success of the show has been down to the hard work of the students and their willingness to go the extra mile to nail their character's persona and get their tongues around the American accents.

"I'm delighted with how well they pulled it off."

The musical comedy followed gambler Nathan Detroit and his fiancée, club singer Miss Adelaide, who waited impatiently to be married, but after 14 years feared it may never happen.

■ MISS Adelaide (Lauri Toogood) shares her woes with Sarah Brown (Taryn White)

■ LEAD roles Nathan Detroit and Miss Adelaide finally tie the knot

■ THE show didn't have a dull moment and was full of song and dance

■ SARAH Brown (Taryn White) succumbs to the charms of Sky Masterson (Will Skinner)

■ NATHAN Detroit (Merlin Forsey) tries to placate Miss Adelaide (Lauri Toogood)

Tesco donates £2,000 to help rescue Doreen

THE campaign to 'Rescue Doreen' was given a boost after it received £2,000 from Tesco in the Bags of Help campaign.

Tesco teamed up with groundwork to launch its Bag of Help funding initiative, which sees grants of up to £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to local outdoor community projects every month.

Millions of shoppers voted in stores up and down the country, and 'Let's Rescue Doreen' was awarded £2,000 after the public vote, which will help restore the statue of a wartime evacuee at Donyatt Halt.

Work will now begin on bringing the project to life.

A spokesperson for 'Lets Rescue Doreen', said: "November 2015 saw the destruction of the shelter at Donyatt Halt. The statue of Doreen, a war time evacuee to Donyatt, and her story board were also damaged beyond repair.

"We want to restore Doreen and the shelter to their former glory for many others to enjoy the cycle path from Ilminster to Chard.

"We'd like to thank Tesco bags of Help project for their support in rescuing Doreen."

Lindsey Crompton, Tesco's head of community, said: "Bags of Help has been a fantastic success. We have been overwhelmed by the response of our customers and it's been great to give people a say on how the money will be spent in their community.

"We can't wait to see the projects come to life."

Get set for Easter fun day

THE first ever Ilminster Charity Easter Fun Day is nearly here, and organisers have sent out a reminder to register your interest for the fun activities on offer throughout the day.

The fun day will take place at Swanmead School on Saturday, April 15th and organisers are looking for local businesses to set up a stall for the events mini-market. Stalls are £25 each and those interested need to bring their own stand.

Organisers are also looking for teams for a charity football match (£10 per team) and acts for a talent competition. All styles of talent are welcome and entry is £5 per act.

Money is being raised for East African Playgrounds, which aims to enhance the lives of children across Uganda by developing children's learning opportunities, creativity and environments through building playgrounds and running arts and play sessions.

The deadline for entry is March 25th and for more information contact Lizzie Fenner on 07792 917 549 or lizzie.fenner@hotmail.com

■ HOLLY Harris and Laura Seale, of Cottage Flowers hand over a cheque to Clinton Bonner (centre), chairman of the Christmas Lights Committee, and other committee members

Florist donates to Christmas lights

THE team from Cottage Flowers in Ilminster has presented £500 towards the town's Christmas lights funds.

Angie Blackwell and Jacalyn Arscott, of Cottage Flowers, held a Winter Wonderland flower arranging demonstration at the Warehouse Theatre in Ilminster.

More than 100 people attended over two days and they were treated to some highly amusing conversation along with exciting and creative Christmas designs.

Coffee and homemade cake was also provided and more than £1,000 was raised for local charities, including £500 for the Ilminster Christmas lights initiative.

Could you be crowned Ilminster's Chilli King?

ILMINSTER Town Football Club is inviting people to go along to the Archie Gooch Pavilion later this month and see if they can stand the heat to become crowned the Chilli King.

Participants are being challenged to handle ten dipping sauces in quick succession from a Ghost Pepper through a Naga to a Moruga Scorpion.

The fun takes place on Saturday, March 25th from 6.30pm until 8pm and it will cost £5 per person to enter, and there will be a £50 cash prize for the overall winner.

For those with a more delicate constitution, there will also be a prize draw for jars of old school sweets.

A club spokesman said: "Come and have a go – or just come and watch those that think they can become Ilminster's very own Chilli King!"

Liquid nitrogen leak at Ilminster premises

DEVON and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service engines from Ilminster, Chard and Taunton – and a hazardous material advisor – were all sent to a report of a gas leak at a commercial premises in Ilminster at around 3am on Sunday morning

On arrival crews identified a small leak on the bottom of a tank containing liquid nitrogen. Crews used a gas monitor to check for any other leaks and set up a cordon.

Crews waited for an on-site maintenance team to arrive, who then isolated the plant and all associated tanks.

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Wildlife lovers open their gardens to public

THE county's most dazzling and inspiring wildlife gardens will open to the public to fundraise for Somerset Wildlife Trust, and inspire visitors to use their own gardens to help local wildlife.

Somerset Wildlife Trust is launching 'Somerset's Wildlife Gardens' – an initiative that will see nine of Somerset's finest examples of gardens, specifically designed to support the county's best-loved wildlife, opening their doors to the public to enjoy.

The gardens, spread across the county, each showcase unique features that provide special homes for local wildlife species. It is hoped the initiative will inspire visitors to take away ideas for things they can do in their own gardens, school playgrounds, or office gardens to provide a secure home for wildlife.

Whilst all very different, the gardens have one thing in common – owners who are passionate about their gardens and happy to open them in order to inspire others and to support the trust's work. They will be on site, alongside Somerset Wildlife Trust staff, to offer advice and tips as well as tea and cakes for visitors.

Entry costs £4 per adult or free for children aged 16 and under, and all hosts will donate the proceeds to Somerset Wildlife Trust to support its work across the county.

Emma Jones, Somerset Wildlife Trust's community fundraiser, commented: "Fifty-six per cent of the UK's species are in decline. Our wildlife need pathways upon which to travel to and through the county in order to feed, breed and find new homes.

"Our own gardens, whether large or small, in the town or in the country literally act as safe, green stepping stones for this to happen. It's the little things we do on our own doorsteps that can have a collective impact for wildlife and, whilst the Somerset Wildlife Gardens initiative showcase the very finest examples of wildlife friendly gardening, in each of them there are things that we can replicate in our own space.

"Even if you are not a gardener at all, getting outside and connecting with nature is good for our health and well-being and the gardens are absolutely fabulous places to spend an enjoyable afternoon and a great way to get to know your local area, so please do come along to one near you."

Details of gardens that will open to the public are as follows:

Sherborne Garden, Litton, Radstock, BA3 4PP with host Pamela Southwell on May 21st from 10.30am to 5pm - this is a romantic and enchanting garden, with a peaceful and timeless feel. Created from agricultural land, and spreading over four acres, it's a true labour of love. Come along to wander across the striking bridge and explore the winding paths - perfect for children to scamper along and to find secret hideaways in unusual trees.

Ball Copse Hall, Brent Knoll, Highbridge, TA9 4DF with host Sue Boss on July 2nd from 12noon to 5pm - this garden boasts one of the most breathtaking views of the Quantock and Polden Hills in the county. It is easy to understand why it was chosen as a military hospital in the war, as the hope was that the views would heal all. As the rare 'crinkle-crankle' walled garden provides a warmer temperature, there are some unusual plants to be found, such as a huge kiwi tree from New Zealand. You'll also find a wildlife pond and bee hives.

Broomclose, Porlock, Minehead, TA24 8NU with hosts David and Nicky Ramsay on June 17th and 18th from 1pm to 5pm - Broomclose is a stunning Arts and Craft house with a garden classified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It is divided into idyllic pockets and has a stunning view over the Vale of Porlock. As there is a milder eco-climate here you will also find unusual sub-tropical trees and plants. It has been described as "bee heaven" by local beekeepers due to the huge array of bee-friendly plants, and you will be able to see the bees and their hives in the garden.

Model Farm, Perry Green, Wembdon, Bridgwater TA5 2BA with hosts Dave and Roz Young on July 9th from 1pm to 5pm - this beautiful four-acre garden has been lovingly created in the last seven years. You can explore the wild flower meadow, stunning flower beds and the incredible 700 trees, which have all been planted by the owners on what was once agricultural land. Don't forget to find the fabulous wild life pond too. On the day there will also be a plant sale, display of vintage engines, local cider makers and the chance to play croquet.

The Miller's House, Nunney, Nr Frome, BA11 4NP with host Caroline Toll on May 27th from 11am to 4pm - in this tranquil garden you will find an atmospheric mill pond which is often visited by dragonflies. The Miller's House is set in a small valley near the fabulous Nunney Castle. You can take a wander along the wild paddock at the bottom of the garden next to the river, from the leat to Nunney Brook, where you can find a perfect paddling spot and a 'butterfly bank'.

Vellacott Cottage Garden, Lawford, Crowcombe, TA4 4AL with hosts Kevin and Pat Chittenden on June 4th from 1pm to 4pm - Vellacott is the archetypal Cottage Garden. The surrounding Quantocks and Brendon Hills make Vellacott feel like a floral oasis, a paradise for all wildlife. Paths lead you through abundant plants, up to the top where you can find peep holes in the hedges to enjoy the spectacular views. Around the garden you will discover many salvaged, historic gardening relics including a Shepherd's hut that Kevin and Pat are renovating.

Hillcrest Garden, Curload, Stoke St Gregory, Taunton TA3 6LA with hosts Charlotte and Charles Sundquist on June 24th and 25th from 2pm to 5pm - Hillcrest is a five-acre garden with so many special places within it. It has far-reaching views overlooking the Somerset Levels, where you will spot Glastonbury Tor and Burrow Mump. Don't miss the chance to visit the very large wild flower meadow leading down to an enormous wildlife pond, full of dragonflies and bee hives - with a bee expert on hand to answer any questions you may have about the essential garden visitors.

Bracondale Garden, Staplehay, Trull, TA3 7HB with hosts Richard and Jackie Denton-Cox on May 14th from 12noon to 5pm - this is a wildlife haven in Staplehay with a wonderful pond full of frogs, and a meadow that will be in full bloom in time for your visit. You will also find an array of stunning trees including, Persian Ironwood, Redwood, Chinese Tulip tree and Blackgum.

Badbury Flowers, Badbury Dairy House, Isle Abbots, TA3 6RS with host Helen Toon on June 11th from 11am to 3pm - Badbury Dairy House is a Flower Farm, and Helen the host, is a flower farmer. Helen supplies brides to country markets with stunning floral displays created from her own flowers grown from seed. Come along and be inspired by beautiful home grown flowers - and there's also the chance to take away your own posy!

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My journey from Southleigh to Soweto

I OCCASIONALLY give a talk to local organisations about my 50 years in newspapers and people are always intrigued by the name I give it – 'From Southleigh to Soweto'.

Well, Southleigh was one of the first villages I visited as a young reporter working for the *Western Times & Gazette* to report on Southleigh Fayre – still very much a part of village life, I am pleased to say.

All I can remember about my first visit in Southleigh in 1965 was that it was a glorious summer afternoon making me think "there can't be many better jobs than this".

Little did I realise in those idyllic days that many years later my career would take me to Soweto, the township on the outskirts of Johannesburg in South Africa where 1.2 million people were housed in the most appalling conditions.

By this time I was working for Independent Newspapers, the global media company owned by Tony O'Reilly, one of the world's most charismatic businessmen.

Tony, already a sporting hero in South Africa because of his exploits as a member of the British Lions rugby team, had befriended Nelson Mandela and had acquired the main group of local newspapers in South Africa, including The Sowetan, which had a huge daily circulation.

I was in South Africa to explore how it might be possible to extend our portfolio of sporting titles, which we had launched in the UK, and was invited to a football match between local rivals Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates..

It was an unbelievable experience with a huge crowd, the biggest I had ever seen. During the game there were three shootings, none of which were aimed at the referee, much to everyone's surprise as he had a nightmare.

I was also fortunate to spend some time in South Africa for the 1995 Rugby World Cup as I was writing Rob Andrew's World Cup Diary.

We gave Rob a recording device and a camera for him to record his thoughts and take informal photographs throughout England's campaign.

I collected the tape and transcribed his notes at the end of each day.

It was a wonderful occasion, superbly hosted by South Africa who went on to deservedly win the tournament.

I stayed in the same hotel in Johannesburg with the Western Samoans and joined them each morning for breakfast. I've never seen blokes eat so much!

It was fascinating being so close to the England set-up during a tournament of this magnitude, the effort which went into making sure the players were not bored and the dedication of the players, particularly fly-half Rob Andrew who returned to the training ground every afternoon to practice his goal-kicking.

It was Andrew, of course, who nailed a drop goal on the stroke of full-time to beat Australia.

The 1995 tournament, of course, will be remembered by many for the sight of Nelson Mandela, wearing a Springboks' rugby shirt, walking out onto the pitch to present the Web Ellis Cup to the South African captain Francois Pienaar.

I found my first visit to Johannesburg very intimidating and rarely strayed outside my hotel at night, but after visits to Durban and Cape Town I came to appreciate what a fascinating and beautiful country it is despite its many problems.

My years with Independent Newspapers, based in London, provided me with many unique and exciting experiences, some of which I shall recount later in this series.

Tony O'Reilly was an inspirational boss for whom I have a greatest respect.

England fly-half Rob Andrew in kicking action. I was privileged to write his World Cup Diary in South Africa in 1995

The company held an annual conference at which O'Reilly's senior newspaper managers from around the world had to make a presentation on their business.

The first one I attended was in Monte Carlo for the grand prix weekend and, as I was the new boy, I was invited to sit at Tony's table for the welcoming lunch.

The pink Grimaldi Palace was shimmering on the clifftop and Tony turned to me and said: "Do you know Philip, the day before Princess Grace was killed I was having lunch with her up there."

Suddenly it seemed a very long way from Anning Road (the council house estate where I grew up and where I still live).

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We all hated standing at church doors

ALTHOUGH I like to keep our news room at Pulman's View as traditional as possible, they are very different places to where I first started out. To be honest, I've worked in some dreadful holes over the years.

My first newspaper office was in High Street, Honiton, over Arthur Dimond's shop. It was just two dingy rooms, painted in brown, a darkroom for photographer Courtenay Harris and a two-desk space for the reporters and one telephone. There was a sink in one corner, which was covered with a wooden cover.

Most small town newspaper offices were very similar.

They were known as district offices. Today there are very few of these with most newspaper groups operating from a central location, often on out-of-town trading sites. That's a great shame because a local office enabled people to speak direct to a reporter if they had a story to tell.

Today, reporters are pretty well chained to their desks. I know of some newspaper groups who do not encourage their reporters to go out of the office.

Reporters used to be encouraged to get out on their patch if they had nothing to do. A tour around the villages would often fill an afternoon, stopping off at the local vicarage for a cup of milky tea and a chat to the Vicar about what was happening in his parish.

One job we all hated was standing at church doors taking the names of the mourners. If it was the funeral for one of the good and the great, there could be hundreds of them and woe betide if you spelt their name wrong as more than likely you would bump into one or other of them the day the paper came out.

This photograph of me was taken in 1969 by Dave King when the main road out of Axminster was flooded by several feet of water. With my reporter's notebook in my pocket and a pen in hand, I was attempting to rescue a dog stranded on the roof of a car and ended up waist-high in water

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Sunday 26th March 2017

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BASED in the heart of Crewkerne, Take a Peek Boutique is well worth a visit when visiting the town! The shop has received praise from many happy customers since it opened last year: "Kylie handmade me a beautiful bracelet and earring set for a special friend for Christmas, absolutely faultless, highly recommended". "This shop is fantastic, very helpful and loads of hand made things, and the prices are well within most peoples range, the owner is very friendly and helpful and will help in any way she can, a thing not found nowadays, pop into her shop and you will see for yourself".

The shop is opposite the town hall in the centre of Crewkerne, and offers a variety of gifts and accessories different to the high street shops. With Mother's day not far away, and because every Mum is special, we have a wide range of gifts for every Mum out there with gifts starting from only £1.99. From bath bomb and soap gift sets, cushions, personalised box frames, candles, jewellery and floral arrangements to purses and bags, there really is something for everyone.

So be sure to pop in and 'Take a Peek'!

BAKED WITH LOVE

by Claire Spreadbury, Press Association

MOTHERS don't want fancy presents, or even flashy, treat meals (though she probably wouldn't object!). Ask most mums what they'd like on Mothering Sunday (March 26, in case it's not on your calendar) and it's likely to be 'time with the family'.

So book yourself a bake off, make a cake and turn up in time for afternoon tea. It's guaranteed to make everyone happy.

(And if your mum's not around, bake a cake anyway, pop a bottle of bubbles in her honour and sink your teeth into a delicious slice of naughtiness.)

These three spectacular bakes from blogger and baker to the stars, Georgia Green (**www.georgias-cakes.co.uk**), are made for mums.

GEORGIA'S OMBRE CAKE

For the cake:

250g butter
250g caster sugar
250g self raising flour
200g eggs (about 4)
1tsp vanilla extract

For the buttercream:

500g icing sugar
150g softened butter
60ml milk
1 vanilla pod
Pink food colouring

To decorate (optional):

Fresh fruit macarons
Meringue kisses
White chocolate shards
Strawberries
Flowers

What to do:

To make the cake, melt the butter then mix together with the caster sugar. Add the eggs and mix through, then the flour and vanilla until incorporated.

Divide equally into two six-inch cake tins and bake at 180C for 30-40 minutes, until they are cooked through.

For the buttercream, beat together the icing sugar, butter and milk and add the seeds from the vanilla pod. Keep beating until the mixture is light and fluffy.

Once the cakes have cooled, cut into two layers so you have a total of four layers of cake.

Put the first layer onto a cake board or plate with a little buttercream underneath so it doesn't slip. Pipe or spread some buttercream onto the layer of cake and sandwich another on top. Repeat until you get to the last cake, being sure to turn the final layer upside down, so the top is the flat part from the cake tin.

Smother buttercream over the whole layered cake and scrape away the excess (this is called crumb coating).

Refrigerate or freeze for 20 minutes until the buttercream has hardened.

In a separate bowl, mix a couple of heaped tablespoons of buttercream with some food colouring to get a dark colour. Spread a thin layer of the coloured buttercream around the bottom of the cake.

Add some more white buttercream to the coloured one to make a lighter shade, and spread it on the cake just above the layer you just did. Repeat until you get to the top, where you want to spread white buttercream on the top layer and the top of the cake. Use a scraper or palate knife to go around the cake, smooth out the sides and you should achieve the ombre effect.

Even out the top of the cake so it's flat and decorate with fruit, flowers and sweet treats, or however you like!

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Mother's Day Tea Party Fun

A WHOLE day of fun is lined up for Mothering Sunday at World of Country Life in Exmouth on Sunday 26th March and all Mums and Grans can enjoy free entry when accompanied by a child!

Park mascot 'Appy Angus is holding his own version of a 'tea party' it definitely won't be traditional but will undoubtedly raise a laugh or two.

There is loads to do whatever the weather, ride the Deer train safari and hand feed the Deer & Llama, watch the wonderful birds of prey display, wander along the Victorian Street, enjoy the two indoor soft play areas or climb aboard the pirate ship and as a memento of the day the kids can make their mums and nans a free tea pot photo frame!

Meet all the animals, feed the new born lambs and baby calf's and don't forget to pop into the pet centre and meet our very own new mums – the goats have had kids and they are so cute!

Round of Mums day by visiting Farmer Lee's Food Barn where there will be Mother's Day Cream tea on special offer for your very own special Mum or Nan!

Mother's Day

Sunday 26th March 2017

Boveys Down Farm

THE SWALLOW'S Rest Barn is situated on Boveys Down Farm a quiet, scenic retreat, perfect for a freshly prepared, home cooked breakfast, light lunches, an afternoon cream tea, or a relaxed evening meal including our special Friday pie night.

Since 1993 Boveys Down Farm has been home to 'Sweetlands Country Fare' a long established local catering company that has been serving the local area for over 40 years. Sweetland's products have been a regular site at many local farmers', and street markets for the past two decades and are synonymous with quality by all those who know them.

The focus now is through their new venture at the farm itself. The Swallow's Rest Barn is a brand new tea room where Pamela and Gerald Sweetland are now focusing all their years of experience to continue to deliver the quality and perfection, enjoyed by so many, to you the customer.

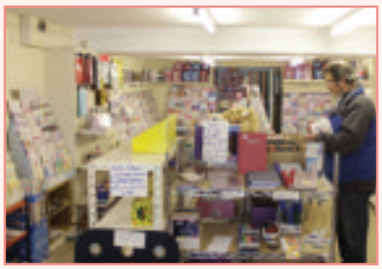
This March 26th they are offering a special two or three course, Mother's Day menu at very reasonable prices so that you can treat your mum to the special day that she deserves without breaking the bank.

Mother's Day Special from £17.00, includes a complimentary glass of bubbly! (Over 18s only)

(Traditional roasts, with all the trimmings and a selection of your favourite desserts available.)

Organically registered Boveys Down Farm is also home to Sweetland's Woodland Weddings, a rustic rural retreat now available for civil ceremonies, party bookings and receptions.

Newbery The Card Shop



NEWBERY the Card Shop is located at 46 Holyrood Street, in the centre of Chard. Shane would be glad to welcome you to the newly renovated shop, with the same selection of cards from the previous shop!

If you need a greetings card for a relative, an anniversary or a birthday then you can't beat the extensive range that they have to offer. With Mothers Day coming up on 26th March and Easter just around the corner on 16th April, there is also a great selection of cards for these occasions. There are also special priced cards, each costing 39p or 3 for £1. If you're looking for something extra to aid the celebrations then you can also find a great range of birthday banners, birthday badges, celebration keys, gift wrap and bags. There is also a wide variety of stationary in stock, for all your essential needs.

Cards aren't the only things available at Newbery The Card Shop, you can also find some amazing special offers on a large range of bags, including handbags, shoulder bags and holdalls. They also stock purses and wallets too!

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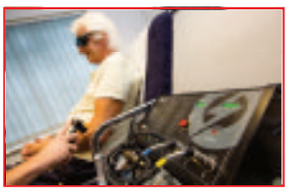

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RED Nose Day is a UK-wide fundraising event organised by Comic Relief every two years. On Red Nose Day everyone is encouraged to cast inhibitions aside, put on a Red Nose and fundraise – celebrities included!

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Fundraising: How can I get involved in Red Nose Day 2017?

This Red Nose Day we're calling on the great British public to fundraise and make their laugh matter. Whether it's at work, home, with friends, family or colleagues, you'll be joining thousands across the UK who are doing their bit, just like you, to make a difference.

From the fundraising classics of bake sales and sponsored silences, to an all singing and dancing Red Nose Day Party, our fundraise section will get you off to a flying start. You can order your free fabulous Fundraising Kit now, it's packed with great ideas and useful tools to make your Red Nose Day 2017 a roaring success.

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Can I set up a Red Nose Day Online Giving page?

Our Red Nose Day Giving Pages are a fantastic and easy way to raise money.

Can I have some help organising my fundraising event?

As much as we'd love to, unfortunately we don't have the resources to provide individual support to our fundraisers with regard to planning and promoting an event. Whilst we really appreciate your support, you are responsible for organising, supervising or hosting your fundraising activity and ensuring that they are both safe and legal. We are however very happy to offer advice on fundraising ideas and tips to help you reach your target and answer any questions you have regarding methods of fundraising.

Our fundraise section will get you off to a flying start with some fantastic downloadable ideas and tools such as a recruitment poster and a sponsorship form. If you haven't already, it's well worth ordering a free Fundraising Kit which is full of great tips and tools to help you raise money.

We also love to hear about what our fundraisers are up to so please contact our fundraising team and keep them up to date.

Can I use a Red Nose Day logo?

We've developed a 'Fundraising for Red Nose Day' logo for all of our brilliant fundraisers. Download the logo and guidelines online.

What is a fundraising agreement and do I need one?

There are certain circumstances where the law requires you to have a fundraising agreement with us. Have a look at the points below and, if any of them are relevant to your fundraising activity, then please contact us and we'll send you an agreement to fill in.

You'll need an agreement if:

- You're raising money for Red Nose Day in the course of a business; e.g. "my shop sells cakes for 50p, and 30p from the sale of each cake will go to Red Nose Day"; or
- You're deducting costs from the money you raise for Red Nose Day for example to cover costs; or
- The money you raise will be split be tween Red Nose Day and another charity.

If you're not raising money in the course of a business, not making any deductions, and you're giving all money raised to Red Nose Day, then you don't need a fundraising agreement.

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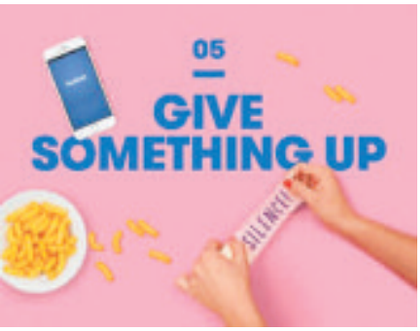
Make some cakes, then sell them. Simple, effective. Also, a great supply of endless compliments about your baking prowess.

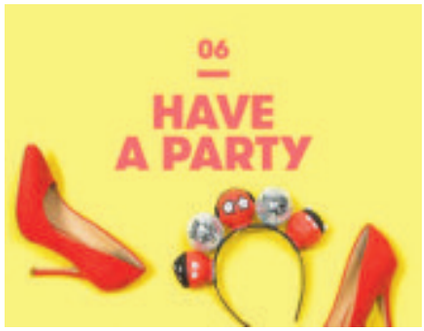
Getting sponsored to dye or shave your hair is a great way to raise money. Or, if you're feeling brave, you could have your legs and chest waxed!

For those who can push the boat out a bit more at work, you could dress from head to toe in red, wear a red onesie and get sponsored to do so!

Q: Who loves a quiz? Ans: Everyone! Get friends, colleagues and whoever you can together for a Red Nose Day quiz night. Smartphone cheats pay a fee!

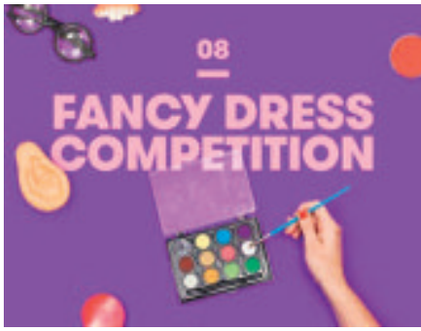


Get sponsored to give something up. Nothing too hard (like breathing), but maybe treats at work, social media or a day's sponsored silence.

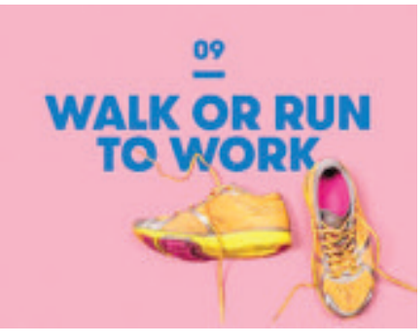


Have a few friends over, paying a donation each, for a fun night in and sing, dance, laugh and just have a great time in aid of Red Nose Day.

Sweet things not your thing? Why not hold a savory snack sale? Pies, patties, sausage rolls and samosas are all sure to disappear like hot cakes.



Hold a pay-to-play fancy dress competition, with prizes for categories such as most original, most upcycled, cheapest and best team fancy dress!



Depending on how close you live to work, get sponsored to walk or run to work for one day.

Mix a bake sale with your own baking competition, with challenges, winners' rosettes... the lot!

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Caring for your pet's teeth

LIKE humans, cats and dogs have a set of baby teeth that fall out and then have a set of adult teeth that need to last for the rest of their life!

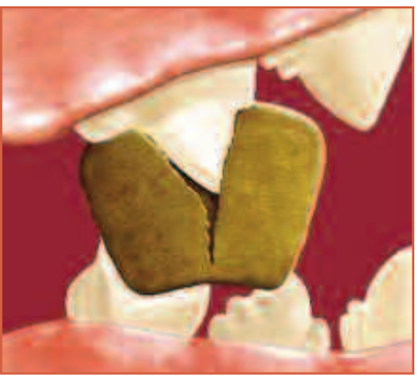
Caring for these teeth will help ensure your pet doesn't suffer from any of the problems associated with poor dental hygiene,

- Plaque and tartar.
- Swollen/painful gums, sometimes receding from the teeth leaving them loose or falling out.
- Bad breath, caused by bacteria (not nice for them or us!). In severe cases the bacteria can enter the blood stream, potentially damaging internal organs.

What can you do to help prevent dental disease?

Brushing: We brush our teeth every day, so why not brush your pet's teeth too?!

There are many different pet toothbrushes and toothpastes available. Don't use your own toothpaste as this is not safe for pets. It is best to start brushing your pet's teeth from a young age so they learn to accept it; however, it is possible to start slowly and gently with an older pet too.



Diet: Feeding a biscuit diet that your pet has to crunch on can help to keep the teeth clean. There are many specially formulated dental diets that contain everything your pet needs. Dental chews can also be used to keep the teeth clean. Remember, these contain additional calories so reduce daily ration to allow for this.

Anti plaque water additives: It is possible to add a special solution to your pet's drinking water. This contains antibacterial agents and an ingredient that helps stop plaque and tartar formation. This can be purchased from your Veterinary Surgery.

Dental treatment: Sometimes it may be necessary for teeth to be cleaned at the vets. In order to examine the teeth and scale them, it is usually necessary for them to have a general anaesthetic. Some teeth may need to be removed during the procedure. This can be a lengthy and costly process and is not often covered by pet insurance.

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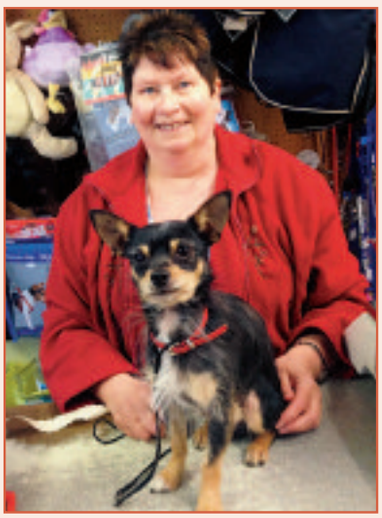

Puppies and children - Safe handling tips

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- Encourage gentle stroking at all times - no pulling, grabbing, heaving patting or sitting on!
- Let your puppy sleep undisturbed. Puppies need a lot of sleep – being startled or woken regularly may begin to affect their behaviour and they may become irritable or defensive.
- A good way to see if a puppy or dog would like to have a stroke is to ask them! When they are awake call them to you as opposed to approaching them. If they approach confidently, then this is there way of saying 'yes' and if they stay where they are, they are politely declining your invitation and you can try again later. This is a really simple exercise that young children can carry out (once they are old enough to understand your instruction) and it enables your puppy or dog a choice in the matter too.
- If either your puppy or child is having one of those days (too excitable, easily frustrated or just a bit boisterous!), then management is the key to avoiding accidents. Use your stair gate or dog crate and keep your puppy safely occupied with a tasty chew or stuffed Kong. When your baby, toddler or young child is napping or at nursery / pre-school, take this opportunity to ensure your puppy's needs are met by having some fun playing and training together.
- Although it's important to ensure you have a 'safe' area your puppy can retreat to, as dogs are social creatures they will often choose to stay with their family even if they feel a bit overwhelmed. This is why crates are a fantastic option in this situation as you can safely pop them in there so they are still near to you and don't feel excluded.

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West Country artists are Better by the dozen

TWELVE Good Women are a group of West Country artist friends and makers who have met bi-monthly since 2006 to share ideas and to explore their creative work. Their latest exhibition, which opens at Ilminster Arts Centre on Monday, March 27th, will showcase the creative energy and vibrancy of a group whose work includes ceramics, painting and illustration, 3D work, paper and textiles.

The back story of this unique group is recalled by textile artist and12GW member Lynda Keeton, who explains, "I and several friends found there was quite a limited vocabulary in the wider world for textile art, which was all too often dismissed as being practical but of little artistic merit." Linda and her friends decided to join forces with other artists who worked in other media, to encourage people to broaden their horizons, and dispel a few myths about textile art. The experiment has been successful, as Lynda reports, "It has been an absolute joy to us all to share our interests and excitement in learning about the different materials and skills used by fellow artists."

12GW group members taking part in this mixed media show include Sari Byrne, Lesley Cooper (hand-coiled ceramics); Rita Fisk (textile artist); Shirley Lewis (enamel and textiles); Carole Watson (stitch textiles), Ann Watson (hand-coiled ceramics); Lynda Keeton (textiles); Sue Webber (illustrator).

The Twelve Good Women are also joined by three friends, guest artists Myra Barratt (funky dolls); Liz Brooke Ward (textiles) and Michael Martin (pen + wash self portraits drawings).

The exhibition runs from Monday, March 27th until Saturday, April 8th. Admission is free.

Dave stomps back to South Petherton

STOMPIN' Dave Allen returns to the David Hall on Friday 7th April. He's been described by Maverick Magazine as "one of the world's greatest performers" and by Blues In Britain as "a downright genius."

The Dorset based Stompin' Dave is a vocalist, multi instrumentalist and dancer. He sings and plays guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, piano and tap dances in an old-time, flat-footing style, often whilst simultaneously playing and singing.

With twenty five years of performing experience Dave has worked exclusively as a musician and performed across the UK and beyond including major festivals such as Glastonbury, Bestival, and Camp Bestival, etc.

Dave has performed at many bluegrass, blues, country, folk, rock n roll and old-time music festivals including some major festivals such as Glastonbury, Bestival, and Camp Bestival, etc. A former member of former UK blues band of the year The Producers, Stompin' Dave was nominated for a British Blues Award in the acoustic act category 2014. Winner of the FOAOTMAD old-time banjo competition 2011 and 2013.

Dave has performed many concerts in art centres and theatres alongside touring musicians from the USA including the legendary Whitetop Mountain Band from Virginia, W.C. Handy award winner Guy Davis, International Bluegrass Achievement award winner Alice Gerrard, and Jack Lawrence musical partner of guitar great Doc Watson, as well as many others.

Stompin' Dave has been billed as a headline act at festivals, these have included The Cornish Folk Festival, National Banjo Day and The Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival. He has made several visits to the USA including competing in the US national bluegrass banjo, and international flatpicking guitar contests.

Last summer Dave was invited by world renowned rock guitarist Jeff Beck to perform at his new album showcase. "Stompin' Dave is a master of all kinds of American roots...a formidable musician and a true original." The Daily Telegraph.

Advance tickets which are £10 are available from The David Hall 01460 240340.

Online tickets available from www.thedavidhall.org.uk. Doors open at 7.30pm, show starts at 8pm. Tickets on the door are £12.

Top folk couple return to The Beehive

KATHRYN ROBERTS and Sean Lakeman return to the Beehive on Saturday, March 25th at 8pm, supported by Kitty Mcfarlane.

The couple have long established themselves as one of the UK folk scene's most rewardingly enduring partnerships. Twice recent winners of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for Best Duo – 2016 & 2013 – the couple's intimacy and strength of passion on stage have won them many fans and an enviable reputation as 'Songwriters par excellence'- (fRoots), whose greatly varied original songs cover such subjects as wicked mermaids, Norwegian legends, and a lonely whale!

Somerset Singer Songwriter Kitty Macfarlane has risen to become a 'must-see' name on the UK folk scene. She began her support appearances with Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman at the Beehive, they loved her and invited her to support their tour, this fuelled her growing fan-base, it was her acclaimed EP 'Tide and Time' that got everyone talking and her appearance at Sidmouth Folk Festival last summer…FRUK's EP Review: Folk Radio UK

"...it certainly wouldn't surprise me if Kitty MacFarlane becomes a big name in the wider music world... She is an inordinately accomplished musician. Her song lyrics could easily stand alone as poetry but then why would she do that when her ear for a melody is faultless? ...Kitty MacFarlane is a major talent, and *Tide and Time* is a bit of a triumph." Donald MacNeill

We can't wait to have her back at The Beehive when she will be performing a special support set with the wonderful Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman

■ Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman

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Diary Dates

TUESDAY MARCH 21ST

AXMINSTER: Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email hannah@halff.org.uk. 11.00am-12.30pm.

COLYFORD: Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home. Ample parking Please come and support this very worthy cause.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

CREWKERNE: FREE Author Talk and Book Launch of 'Fall Guys' by Ian Andrew at 2pm in Crewkerne Library, Falkland Square. For more information, please call Ana 07931 884726

COLYTON: Introduction to use of OS Maps in historical research, 10.30am – 12.30pm. A practical hands on workshop led by Hugh Dyer-Westacott, showing how OS maps can be used to investigate changes in the landscape. Free Legacy to Landscape event. No booking required. Bring notebook and pen or pencil. Colyford Memorial Hall, Swan Hill Road, EX24 6QJ. Further information legacytolandscape@gmail.com; or 01404 310012

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22ND

SOUTH PETHERTON: Sausage Making Course with Clinton Bonner from Bonners the Butchers Ilminster. 7.30 - 9.00pm. Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton, TA13 5DJ. 01460 242775, www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

BRANSCOMBE: Branscombe Players are holding an 'open evening'/AGM with refreshments in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Please come along and get involved to discuss our future plans. New members and friends are positively encouraged to have an input whether keen on being on the stage or helping behind the scenes etc. Any queries, please contact either Linda 680369 or Ross 680264.

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway. Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5 . All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society's next talk, at 7:30pm at Uplyme Village Hall. David Usher, who was Head Gardener at Hestercombe for many years will talk to us about the project to restore their famous gardens, from the Gertrude Jekyll walled garden to the wilder landscape behind the house. It should be a fascinating evening, and tea/coffee will be available both before and after the talk. Entry is free for members, £3 for non-members.

YEOVIL: Yeovil Chamber Choir concert in St Andrew's Church, Preston Grove BA20 2BQ. Performing Salvator Mundi - O Saviour of the World, a choral concert of Sacred Music for Lent and Passiontide. Tickets £10, including refreshments. For more details call 01935 873719.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

COLYTON: The Story of Axminster Carpets by Laurence Hitchcock. A Colyton Parish History Society evening at Colyton Town Hall, 7.30pm Everyone welcome, Non-members £2, Members £1 to include refreshments.

SIDMOUTH: Coffee Concert at Sidholme Music Room 10.30am-12noon. Free - retiring collection for Sidmouth Town Band and Music Room Restoration Fund.

THURSDAY MARCH 23RD

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

EXETER: Families for Children Trust is a Specialist Adoption Agency and charitable trust based in the South West. We place vulnerable children from all over the UK with new adoptive families in Devon, Dorset, Cornwall, Somerset and the Isles of Scilly. Meeting at Dart Farm Village, Estuary Room, Topsham, Clyst George, 2-4pm.

SEATON: Gregs' Music Makers. Come along and enjoy music and play. At St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton. 10am-11am. Babies and young ones, aged up to 4 years with their carers are welcome. Refreshments available. Come and enjoy friendship. Donations invited of £1 per family.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10am to 11am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non- members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

MARTOCK: Des Bacon's Red Hot Syncopators concert. Celebrating Des Bacon's retirment after 62 years as a professional musician At Martock Parish Church, 7.30pm. Tickets £8 on the door or £7 from 01935 822706.

HONITON: Honiton Senior Voice open meeting at Honiton Methodist Church, on the subject of Honiton Hospital's Minor Injury Unit, at 2pm. Refreshments available from 1.30pm. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY MARCH 24TH

SEATON: Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30-12.30. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. New venue The Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton, EX12 2LT. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information, email hannah@halff.org.uk or go to www.halff.org.uk.

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

TATWORTH: Film: 'A Streetcat Named Bob' cert 12a. At Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

CHARD: Boden Centre, Chard, Somerset Skills and Learning. Researching Scottish and Irish Ancestors, 10.00 - 4.00 bring lunch, coffee and tea available. For more information about costs call Rose at the Chard office on 01460 63900.

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/Chard group: illustrated presentation " Beavers in Devon: restoring wetland the natural way". Hugh Graham , the University of Exeter specialist working on the River Otter Beaver Trial gives an overview of the project now in its 3rd year. Beaver ecology and behaviour and the experiences of Devon Wildlife Trust's enclosed beaver project. Details of what has happened since the beavers were released back into the wild on the River Otter in March 2015; types of monitoring undertaken and summary of findings. Parish Hall, North St, Ilminster TA19 ODG. Adult members £2, non-members £3, no charge for children. Raffle & refreshments available. Enquiries 01460 234551.

LYME REGIS: B Sharp will hold an evening of live music at the Harbour Inn, in support of the National Foundation of Youth Music. 7.30pm til late, free entry, donations welcome.

SATURDAY MARCH 25TH

BEER: Standup poetry. Les Barker performs his hilarious poems, such as 'The Ridgeback of Notre Dame', 'The Sultans of Tring', and 'Stand by your Van'. The Dolphin Hotel, Fore Street, Beer, 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Dolphin Hotel 01297 20068 or 01297 214157

SOUTH PERROTT: Jumble Sale at South Perrott Village Hall. 2.30pm. Clothes, bric-a-brac, toys etc. In aid of Church funds and Help for Heroes. For more details call 01935 891224.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

A modern tribute to rock royalty

AS MUCH as Fleetwood Mac aim to create a genuine Fleetwood Mac sound, they can't help but give it a modern edge, "it's just the way we play." How else are five people supposed to pay tribute to a band that have lasted nearly 50 years? A band who have over time have featured eight different Guitarists and Vocalists. A band that tour arenas all over the world, with six extra touring musicians. A band that started out as part of the sixties British Blues Invasion and ended up as one of the biggest mainstream groups of the eighties. Let's not even get into the scandals, relationships and excesses.

Fleetingwood Mac play at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis this Friday, March 24th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15, available online at www.marinetheatre.com, or by calling 01297 442138.

Alison Rayner Quintet's *Magic Life* tour heads to Exeter

BASS PLAYER and composer Alison Rayner has been playing jazz and other styles of music since the mid-70s.

In the 80s she spent five years with the critically acclaimed jazz/Latin group the Guest Stars touring all the major international jazz venues and festivals, also recording three albums with them.

She currently leads ARQ, her contemporary jazz quintet, who have built a substantial and wide ranging audience over the past two years for their "deliciously upbeat, groovy and thoughtful jazz" (Jazz UK). They released their acclaimed debut album 'August' in 2014, with extensive national touring following and a second album 'A Magic Life', released in Autumn 2016.

Rayner also plays and records with, amongst others, acoustic world trio Koral Society, the Deirdre Cartwright Group, trumpeter Chris Hodgkins' quartet and vocalist Carol Grimes.

She has co-run Blow the Fuse Records & Blow the Fuse Jazz Club in London since 1989, performing with artists such as American jazz guitar legend Tal Farlow, New York jazz poet Jayne Cortez, Denardo Coleman, Ian Shaw and John Etheridge.

She composes for and examines for Rockschool International Exam Board, teaches on the Original Jazz Summer School in Cardiff and is an endorsee for Picato Innovation double bass strings.

The Alison Rayner Quintet bring the 'A Magic Life' tour to Exeter's Barnfield Theatre on Friday, March 24th.

For more details and to book visit the website at www.barnfieldtheatre.org.uk, or call 01392 271808.

'Supremely talented' cellist Bartholomew LaFollette to play Ilminster concert

THE APRIL 2017 Concerts in the West series features none other than the supremely talented international cellist Bartholomew LaFollette, who was described by the *Irish Times* as being: "As free in touching the heartstrings as he was in dashing off dazzling runs."

An award winning soloist and chamber musician with many noteworthy achievements to his name, LaFollette studied at the Yehudi Menuhin School and the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. His career was launched by the Young Classical Artists Trust and he has performed at many prestigious venues, including Wigmore Hall, Barbican Centre, Bridgewater Hall and Royal Festival Hall.

His outstanding ability was recognised in 2013 when he won first prize at The Arts Club's and Decca Records' Classical Music Award. He was also the first person to receive the Irish Chamber Orchestra's Ardan Award.

Highlights from LaFollette's career include performances with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and, as a soloist with the City of London Sinfonia. He performs frequently with the award winning Doric String Quartet and at just 26 years of age, in 2011, he became principal cello teacher at the Yehudi Menuhin School.

Caroline Palmer studied at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and was a finalist in the Busoni competition. She has played in the USA and in much of Europe and is well known as both a solo pianist and chamber musician. Caroline has recorded for British, Swiss, French, German and Italian radio stations and has made televised appearances in Italy and Bulgaria.

Caroline's latest CDs include the cello sonatas of Saint-Saens, Faure and Busoni and the Brahms violin sonatas with Krzysztof Smietana. She has made numerous recordings as soloist and chamber musician for the BBC. She has been a piano professor at the Guildhall since 1990, where she coaches chamber repertoire as well as teaching individual students.

Catherine Maddocks, founder and director of Concerts in the West is delighted to have secured Bartholomew LaFollette for the April series, saying: "Bartholomew is one of the most exciting young classical talents in Britain and is admired equally for his solo, duo and concerto performances. His duo partner, Caroline Palmer, is a prize winning pianist with an established reputation and together they make a wonderful musical combination."

Bartholomew LaFollette and Caroline Palmer play at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, April 7th at 8pm. Tickets are £15, available from the box office on 01460 55783 9.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday. A pre-concert suppers is available at 7pm, for £14 - advance booking is required. For more details visit the website at www.themeetinghouse.org.uk.

X Factor Star Sam Bailey set to wow Yeovil on UK tour date with local rising star Olivia

THIS YEAR, former X factor winner and gold-selling artist Sam Bailey is delighting fans up and down the country on her Sing My Heart Out Tour and on Thursday, April 27th, she will be wowing audiences at Yeovil's Octagon with her powerhouse vocals and support from upcoming vocalist from the region Olivia.

Following a successful second album of the same name, Sam is back with her 32-date *Sing My Heart Out* tour, stopping at some of nation's most prestigious live music venues, including Octagon.

Speaking about her new tour, Sam says "For me, nothing is more rewarding than getting the chance to share my music with my fans live. My fans are so diverse, so there's something for everyone from ballads to dance track and poppy numbers. There's nothing worse than an album or show where every song is the same. Octagon is such a terrific venue, and I've always had such great support from my Yeovil fans, I'm really looking to giving them my thanks by giving them an incredible live show."

Staying grounded throughout her meteoric rise from prison guard to musical star, Sam has always been eager to give other artists a boost on the path to success. Sam has given fresh new South West talent Olivia the exclusive and potentially life-changing opportunity to perform as her support act on April 27th.

Olivia, who will be performing as Sam's support said "I'm over the moon to be opening for Sam Bailey on her tour. I can't believe this door has opened for me and I can't wait for the night itself!"

Sam will be supported throughout the tour by Niki Loy, whose award-wining video for her single "Can I Keep You" featured at the BBC's Music Video Festival. Nikki has also reached the final of the UK Songwriting Contest and has supported a variety of world-class talent throughout her career.

■ Olivia

Each date will also include fundraising for the Rainbows Children's Hospice, the chosen charity for the Sing My Heart Out tour.

Sam can't wait to get up close and personal with her fans from Yeovil, and is looking forward to sharing her live music with them as part of what is sure to be a sell-out 2017 tour.

For more information visit including tour dates visit www.sambailey.com and to book tickets, call the Box Office on 01935 422884 or visit www.octagon-theatre.co.uk

Musical cabaret from Flanders & Swann

ONE of light entertainment's best-loved double acts is fondly remembered in a special evening of musical comedy at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, March 31st.

Michael Flanders and Donald Swann brought laughter and song to millions in the 1950s and 60s, through their long-running reviews 'At the Drop of A Hat', and 'At the Drop of Another Hat'. Songs penned and performed by the duo include gems such as Mud, Mud Glorious Mud (The Hippopotamus Song), The Gnu Song, Madeira M'dear, and The Gasman Cometh, and these have rightly passed into legend, along with their sense of humour, wordplay and fun.

With more than a hint of nostalgia, Oxfordshire based performers James Mitchell and Grahame O'Connor recapture the charm of the original Flanders and Swann shows. Modestly styling themselves as 'Two Blokes and a Piano', James and Grahame revel in the artistry and anarchy of musical comedy; their show also reference other piano based acts in the cabaret tradition, such as Stilgoe, Skellern, and Kit and the Widow.

Come and enjoy a hilarious trip down memory lane and why not get the evening off to a gourmet start with a delicious pre-performance supper at the Arts Centre? Advance booking recommended (and is essential if you would like supper) – please call the Box Office on 01460 54973.

Diary Dates

SATURDAY MARCH 25TH

COLYFORD: Colyford Memorial Hall Jumble Sale, 2-4pm. 30p entry, free level car park, toilets and refreshments. We can collect items of clothing, bric-a-brac, china, glass, furniture, small electrical items, books, garden equipment. Please ring: 07594864872 or 01297 551288. Or bring along your items to the hall (on A3052) on Friday, March 24th from 6.30pm or Saturday 25th from 9am.

SEATON: Axe Estuary Clean-up, Axmouth side, 10am-12noon. Meet Axmouth bridge lay-by. Wear wellies, gloves and warm clothes. More info from Ian Waite. 01297 20326, Axe Vale Conservation Society.

HONITON: Table Top Sale, 9.00am – 12.30pm. Mackarness Hall, Honiton High Street. In aid of Devon Freewheelers. To book a table (£5) call Sharon: 07963 337178

CREWKERNE: Breakfast/Brunch at Henhayes Centre. 10 – 12noon. Last order 11.30. £4 for basic breakfast, extras available at 50p each.

UPLYME: Lyme Regis Rotary Club Quiz at Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm. Proceeds from the event will go to providing dictionaries to year 6 children at the local junior schools. Tickets are £7.00 each, 6 to a team but this is flexible. Price to include a Ploughman's supper. There will be a bar available. For tickets please call Richard, 01297 443476 or email richard.cridge@sky.com. Please come along and support this event for the benefit of local children.

OTTERY ST MARY: Community Market at the Institute, 9.30am-12.30pm. Includes a charity table on behalf of Busy Otters Pre-School in Ottery St Mary. The table will be selling good quality items donated by parents which will be mainly children's toys, DVD's, clothes and games. All proceeds will go to Busy Otters to help fund some new outdoor play equipment.

MERRIOTT: New To You Sale, 10am-11.30am. In The Tithe Barn, Church Street. Clothes, books, toys, bric-a-brac, other stalls. Tea and coffee available. In aid of All Saints' Church funds.

SUNDAY MARCH 26TH

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am-2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

COLYTON: The Making of the Landscape, Musbury Castle Hill Fort, 2pm - 4pm. Guided walk with geologist, Richard Edmonds, to see how the rocks, geology and structure beneath our feet has made the Legacy landscape we enjoy today. Bring binoculars. No booking required. Free Legacy to Landscape event. Park/Meet Musbury Village Hall car park. Further information legacytolandscape@gmail.com; or 01404 310012

SIDMOUTH: Pete Allen's Reeds N Rhythms playing at Kennaway House Cellar Bar. Doors 2pm, music 3-5.30pm. Pete Allen on clarinet & saxes, James Clemas on piano, Richie Bryant on drums, and Dave Hanratty on bass. Admission £12.50 on the door. Licensed bar, light snacks available. Parking nearby.

SIDMOUTH: Exeter St David's Singers - 'Music to Move' with director Mark Perry. 3.30-4.30 at Sidholme Music Room. Free - retiring collection for Force Cancer Charity and Music Room Restoration Fund.

MONDAY MARCH 27TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY MARCH 28TH

SEATON: Cooking For One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 11am-1pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and modified diets (eg puree/fork mashable). New venue The Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton, EX12 2LT. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email laura@halff.org.uk.

Hive of activity at the Honey Farm

NOW that spring is upon us, the bees are venturing out, collecting bright yellow pollen from the early flowers to feed their young. They have survived the winter well and are now thinking of increasing the numbers in their community ready for the summer's work. Well done if you've got crocuses, daffodils, primroses, and grape hyacinths in your garden; our girls will be sure to be paying you a visit.

Just like our beehives, the honey farm has flung open its doors for the season and is ready to welcome you. New planting continues in the orchard and the pollinator gardens, the shop is stocked with enticing gifts, and the tearoom goodies are being freshly prepared. Great plans are afoot to grow sufficient salad leaves, tomatoes and vegetables to supply the tearoom with fresh produce all through the summer.

We have re - vamped the garden tearoom to provide you with more information on pollinators and are planning to put out an observation hive when the weather warms up.

Geoffrey and Dave, the farm cats have grown fat and sleek over the winter and, as ever, are looking for a cuddle.

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Saturday 25th March

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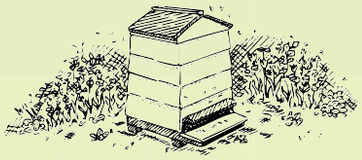

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 29TH

SEATON: Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by Peter Dare: Working Life of a Master Stonemason – From Beer to Brisbane and Back. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome – come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway. Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5 . All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details.

THURSDAY MARCH 30TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

SEATON: Gregs' Music Makers. Come along and enjoy music and play. At St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton. 10am-11am. Babies and young ones, aged up to 4 years with their carers are welcome. Refreshments available. Come and enjoy friendship. Donations invited of £1 per family.

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HONITON: Hospiscare Bingo Afternoon. Mackarness Hall. Doors open 1.15pm Eyes down 2pm. Refreshments & Raffle.

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Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Acting isn't just kept to the stage

SHAKESPEARE said "All the world's a stage" and for most of us, daily life involves a series of roles we have to portray in order to maintain equilibrium.

We all have a façade we put on to cover up inadequacies or fears and when things go wrong, we merely dust ourselves off, paint on a smile and continue with our everyday tasks as if nothing has happened.

With that in mind, I've started to try to assess those I interview in a different way. It's easy to judge and to assume someone is going to be a particular way, when, in fact, they turn out to be completely different.

This week I completed two interviews, one with a well-known serious actress and one with a young actor who is currently touring the country in a musical. I had expectations that the actress would be quite hard to talk to and that the young chap would be fairly easy. It actually turned out to be the other way round.

I've found as a general rule, most big celebrities are good at interviews and understand that it's for their benefit to come across as friendly and approachable.

Some are however, so full of their own importance, that you feel as if you need to be debriefed after talking to them (I won't name, names but if you ask me, I can entertain you with some real horror stories!)

When I come across a person who feels the need to regale me with just how important and fabulous they are, I paint on my friendly face and start to psychologically examine the reasons behind what they are saying.

Obviously, if they are really dull, I secretly just say blah, blah, blah to myself, so if you are ever having a conversation with me and I glaze over, I'm probably doing the same to you.

■ Amanda Holden as Vera in Stepping Out. *Photo by Ray Burmiston*

■ Diana Hardcastle, Roger Sloman and Michael Feast in Seventeen at the Lyric Hammersmith. *Photo by Tristram Kenton*

The shows I watched this week were all about putting on façade too and I started off by visiting the Lyric Hammersmith to see *Seventeen*, a play, which features a group of retirees attempting to portray teenagers. I say attempting, as they didn't really pull it off.

I then went to see *Stepping Out* starring Amanda Holden and I was amazed at how improved it is since I saw it on the pre West End tour. It's about a group who meet weekly for a tap dancing class and about how they are all really, hiding their loneliness.

The dialogue has become much snappier and the few cast changes, including the last minute substitution of Tamzin Outhwaite for Anna-Jane Casey, have made the show a real hit.

Next week I'm off to my first cabaret of the season and will review former *Wicked* star Rachel Tucker at the Brasserie Zedal in Picadilly Circus before I head to the Garrick to see Griff Rhys Jones, Mathew Horne and Lee Mack in *The Miser*.

In the meantime, I will continue to maintain my sunny exterior, despite the occasional test of my mettle and I'll leave you with my favourite quote: *"When you are dead, you don't know that you're dead, but it's hard for the people around you…it's the same if you're stupid"* *Anon*

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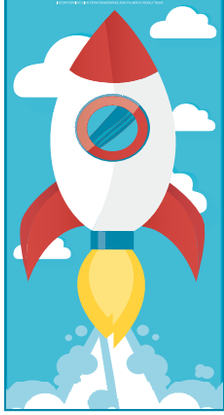

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Pulman's Property View
The key to finding your perfect home

POLISH UP THE PAD

By Sam Wylie-Harris, Press Association

No wonder we all get a bit over-excited when thoughts turn to springtime.

The days are getting lighter, we're all feeling a bit more social, planning holidays, freshening up our wardrobes and, erm, getting stuck in with the Big Spring Clean?!

If the mere mention makes you shudder, don't despair - it's not all about putting on a pair of Marigolds and having to sacrifice a precious weekend to play Mrs Mop.

Making time for a good clean sweep doesn't just mean your home can be given a once-over. A decent tidy up and sort out can be good for the heart and soul too, and help keep that spring in your step when you come home at the end of a long(er) day.

Plus, it's a good excuse to have a little revamp at the same time: Reward yourself with some new accessories and little touches, to add to the freshened-up feel and make the hard work worthwhile.

Here's how to spruce up the home, ditch the dust and style up your space if it's looking a little tired around the edges, without getting too frazzled in the process...

CLEAR THE CLUTTER

Think practically when it comes to having a serious spring sort out. Take the opportunity to rethink your storage solutions and invest in baskets, crates and boxes which have a long shelf-life, will hold all the items you want to hide away, and look smart or stylish too.

Knagglig Pine boxes, from £5, dark grey Klamtare Boxes With Lid, £6, Fargrik White/Stoneware 18-piece Service Set, £13.50 (18-piece service), Muskot Plant Pot, £2, Ikea (www.ikea.com).

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POT IT

Topiary adds life and colour to a space. Dressing up a sparkling clean window with some flower pots is an easy way to achieve this. Any greenery will look fresh, and you can always find a sunny spot for an indoor herb garden. Double Flowerpot, £4, Flying Tiger stores nationwide (uk.flyingtiger.com).

SCENT SURROUND

Candlelight gives off a warm, flattering glow that makes both you and your dining room look better, and with The White Company's Spring fragrance range, a scented bouquet is only a flicker away. Spring Signature Candle Collection, from £20, The White Company (www.thewhitecompany.com).

BRIGHTEN UP BATH TIME

Is your bathroom more blah than spa? A simple switch, such as fresh towels in sunshine yellow, will perk it up - so get the room gleaming, then add some bright new towels as a finishing touch. Orla Kiely Speckled Flower Oval Towels, from £14, House of Fraser (www.houseoffraser.co.uk)

FRESH 'N' FLUMPED

Bright new cushions are an easy way to transform a worn old sofa. Treat yourself to a couple of new beauties; a budget-friendly way to breathe new life into a living space. We love this Retro Bird Print Cushion, £10, which you could style up with a Woven Pom Pom Throw, £40, Next (www.next.co.uk).

CLEAN BY DESIGN

Is there anything that can make housework a little more inspiring? Colouring book artist Johanna Basford has teamed up with planet-friendly cleaning product brand Method, creating a series of illustrations for a limited-edition range featuring a beautiful Hummingbird Garden design. Method Johanna Basford Multi-Surface Cleaner, £3.50; Washing Up Liquid, £3.50; Gel Hand Wash, £3, and Foaming Hand Wash, £3.50, Tesco stores nationwide (www.tesco.com).

CUPBOARD LOVE

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FEELING DRAINED?

A dirty old dish drainer can make everything else look tired. Scrub the kitchen sink, give it a gleaming finish and invest in some coordinating sink accessories. Y-Rack 2 Tier Self-Draining Dish Rack, £35, Joseph Joseph (www.josephjoseph.com).

LAUNDRY DAYS

Even the smallest utility room can be a space-saver, and free you from the confines of having to keep all your bits and bobs in the larder or under the sink. To make your space work harder, group products together and make the most of wall space with storage hooks. John Lewis Croft Collection Blakeney Double Towel Cabinet, £275, Oval Wire Basket, £14, Grey Knitted Basket £22, Oval Willow Laundry Basket, £25, John Lewis (www.johnlewis.com).

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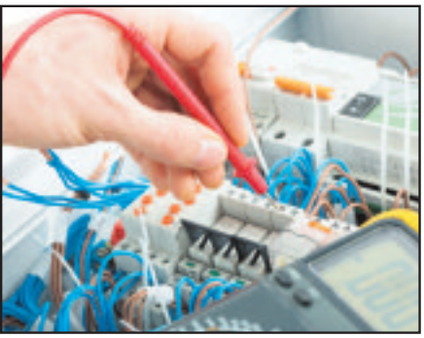

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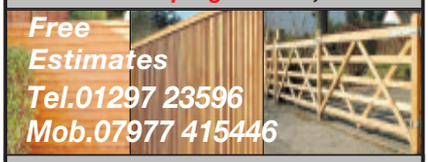

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Following the DS 4 CROSSBACK Terre Rouge limited edition offered in an exclusive matt Orange Tourmaline body colour launched for the 2016 Autumn-Winter collection, the 2017 Spring-Summer collection is now making its debut with a new limited edition - DS 4 CROSSBACK Moondust. Its platinum grey colour also has a special matt paint finish, similar to that used on the capable DS 3 Performance Black model.

The DS 4 CROSSBACK Moondust subtly combines refinement with technology, and includes Mirror Screen for smartphone access, DS LED Vision for a better view of the road and a reversing camera. DS 4 CROSSBACK Moondust limited edition – of which only 25 are being made available in the UK from May - features Basalt Black grained-leather seats to amplify the elegance of this exclusive model. Orders can now be placed in DS Stores or DS Salons, or online at www.dsautomobiles.co.uk.

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MITSUBISHI Motors in the UK has announced a series of revisions to the Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV Juro – the high specification version of the nation's best-selling plug-in hybrid vehicle.

Available to order now and priced from £33,499 after the Plug-in Car Grant, the new Juro benefits from an enhanced specification that heightens convenience, comfort and safety.

Building on the high levels of standard equipment in the outgoing Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV Juro, the 2017 version is now equipped with an Electronic Parking Brake with Brake Auto Hold, EV Priority Mode; Smartphone Link Display Audio with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay; DAB and a reversing camera.

When the new EV switch is activated, EV Priority Mode allows the driver to operate the vehicle in EV mode without the engine starting, provided there is sufficient charge in the batteries, ensuring that the driver enjoys optimum efficiency with the minimum of fuss. When turned on, the new Brake Auto Hold function works to hold the vehicle in traffic or on an incline the same way a handbrake would, letting the driver release the footbrake.

Connectivity and convenience is enhanced with the addition of the Smartphone Link Display Audio system which supports Apple CarPlay*1, the smarter, safer way to use your iPhone*1 in the car. The driver can use Siri*1 or the Smartphone Link Display Audio's touch screen to receive directions optimised for traffic conditions, make and receive calls, access text messages, and listen to music, all in a way that allows them to stay focused on the road. Smartphone Link Display Audio also supports the Android AutoTM*2 which provides voice-controlled operation of Google MapsTM,*2 Google PlayTM*2 music and other apps. Additional features include Bluetooth for hands-free calls and music streaming, AM/FM and DAB radio and the display of specific Outlander PHEV functions.

Other highlights of the Juro's impressive standard specification include cruise control, 18-inch alloy wheels, heated front seats, the Mitsubishi PHEV app, which allows pre-heating of the interior, and dual-zone climate control.

The Juro's upgrades complement the comprehensive 2017 model year revisions to all Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV variants. Incorporating improvements to the drivetrain, chassis and on-board technology, the new Outlander PHEV offers an improved class-leading pure electric range of 33 miles, CO2 emissions of 41g/km – the lowest of any all-wheel drive vehicle – and an average weighted fuel consumption of 166 mpg. Its regenerative braking technology has also been enhanced for 2017 and its rapid charging time to 80% has been reduced to 25 minutes. The Outlander PHEV's appearance is made even more distinctive with the availability of a new Cool Silver colour.

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Less mass means more Lotus - the new Lotus Elise Sprint

EVOLVED, energised and even lighter, a significant update for the legendary Lotus Elise has been unveiled ahead of its arrival in showrooms this spring.

Pride of place in the latest Elise line-up is the new Sprint edition, capturing the spirit of Lotus by offering the latest in efficient engineering to deliver a car that sets the standard at under 800 kg. Featuring a host of weight-saving items as standard, as well as the Elise's distinctive new styling, the new Lotus remains true to the company's founding principles. Benefitting the range as a whole, all new Elise editions receive the car's new look and new interior options, and every single one of the Sprint's lightweight components can be specified on the standard Elise Sport and the Elise Sport 220 variants.

In the biggest weight cut to the car since the introduction of the first-generation Elise, Lotus has returned to its roots by employing the same intense engineering strategy as used on its most recent models. The Sprint edition of the Lotus Elise has removed 41 kg from the previous model, to reach a benchmark dry weight of just 798 kg.

Focusing on driver involvement, to provide an immersive experience, the new Elise reaffirms the company's leading position in automotive engineering. A benchmark in purity and balance, the Elise is a favourite amongst drivers and enthusiasts, and to date nearly 33,000 examples have been hand built at Lotus' famous Hethel factory. Distilled from the very essence of the company's heritage, the Elise carries Lotus founder Colin Chapman's vision of efficient engineering into the future and arrives as the company continues its return to form with its strongest ever line-up of vehicles.

Integrating a new front and rear aesthetic with Lotus' established design language, this latest Elise also receives a wide range of cabin enhancements - including the lightweight open-gate gear select mechanism first introduced on the Lotus Exige Sport 350. The Sprint is available in both the 1.6-litre naturally aspirated and 1.8-litre supercharged versions. Delivering an exciting mid-point in the range, it broadens the car's appeal by including lightweight and carbon components as standard.

Speaking of the new car Jean-Marc Gales, CEO, Group Lotus plc. said, "Once again, the Elise continues to redefine what is possible in terms of adding lightness to a sports car. Whilst other manufacturers try to keep pace with Lotus' weight reduction achievements, we've raised the bar beyond their reach. An agile, lightweight sports car does not weigh just over a tonne. It should weigh substantially less and, it is a fantastic achievement from Lotus in ensuring that the fully type approved new Elise now dips below the 800 kg barrier."

Jean-Marc Gales continued, "Enhanced by less weight, the Elise now provides even more driving purity, greater agility and higher all-round performance. As we say at Hethel: less weight equals more Lotus."

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At the other end Pat Golden tested out the woodwork too with a free kick that cannoned onto the post.

The second half should have seen the Robins in the ascendancy but they failed to make the most of having the wind at their backs and it was Welton who continued to carve out the best chances with Chard Keeper Jon Hill doing well to keep out a Joe Garland long ranger.

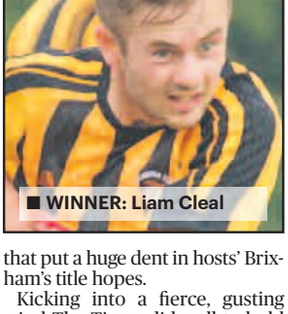
But The Robins nearly pinched the win at the end when Shaun Wells-Burr was denied by a fine save by home keeper Charlie Phillips.

Chard, now back down in eight spot, are without a fixture next Saturday.

***Chard Town**: Jon Hill, Ryan Mason, Shaun Wells-Burr, Jack Dicker, Pat Golden, Luke Jackson, Jake Wolfe, Brad Miles (Scott Martin 80), Scott Jakeman (Max Westlake 73), James Boyland, Taoufik Ben Salem (Steve Friend 90).*

SW PENINSULA LEAGUE D1W
Brixham AFC 1
Axminster Town 2

AXMINSTER Town's fine start under new manager Jon Hurford continued with a stunning victory


■ WINNER: Liam Cleal

that put a huge dent in hosts' Brixham's title hopes.

Kicking into a fierce, gusting wind The Tigers did well to hold the league leaders and the first half ended goal less despite both teams creating good chances. Liam Cleal had two sighters for Ax, one of which he blazed over the bar when it appeared easier to score.

The Tigers took the lead just after the hour when Cleal cleverly guide an Aaron Daniels cross into the corner of the net.

But confusion in the Ax defence 15 teams from time led to a collision between keeper Scott Well-Burr and one of his defenders led to 29-goal league top scorer Graham Mercieca slotting home the loose ball.

However, the points were decided by a stunning strike from Danny Clay six minutes from time. The former Exeter City and Weymouth midfielder showed all his class to crack a 25-yarder high into the 'top bin'

A delighted Hurford said: "We managed the game well. We set up with two banks of four and made it difficult for them [Brixham] to break us down. Against the wind in the first half.

"I felt we fully deserved the win having created the better chances and were far more organised."

Hurford told ***Pulmans' Sport*** that he feels the league title trophy will probably heading to Stoke Gabriel or Teignmouth.

Sixth-placed Axminster are without a fixture next Saturday.

***Axminster**: Scott Wells-Burr, Ben Clay, Mark Smale, Chris Duchenski, Elliot Dyer, Aaron Daniels, Callum Garrett, Danny Clay, Liam Cleal (Ben Vine 67), Tony Pinder (Nathan Warren 86), Jamie Barfoot (Jon Hurford 71). Unused sub; Craig Every.*

SOMERSET LEAGUE
Division One (West)
Glastonbury 1
Ilminster Town 0

ILMINSTER Town's promotion hope received a set back with a surprise defeat at relegation-haunted Glastonbury.

What proved to be the winner came in the 20th minute when Brad Hefferman latched on to a flick on from a long clearance and lobbed over keeper Caspar Paine.

The Blues had their chances. In the first half Taylor Jefferson missed a header from close in and then struck the crossbar with an acrobatic overhead kick. After the turnaround Jack Male had two good opportunities and the ball pin-balled around the hosts penalty area.

A realistic Ilminster manager Jason Manley told Pulman's Sport: "We couldn't compete with their [Glastonbury] physicality, we needed to go toe-to-toe with them and didn't.

"Glastonbury were relentless in pumping the ball into our penalty area and were full of six footers - it was a game plan that they executed perfectly.

"We need to hit the ground running at home to Winscombe (currently third) next Saturday - there will be no room for error." Kick off for Saturday's crunch match is 3pm.

COMBE ST NICHOLAS, now right on the fringe of bottom two after Glastonbury's win, had no fixture on Saturday, and are without a game next weekend, but are in action under the floodlights at Street Reserves tomorrow (Wednesday, 7.30pm ko).

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE
Perry Street 2 Thorverton 2
(Thorverton won 5-4 on pens)
Bill Slee Cup Quarter Final

PERRY Street hopes of a league and cup treble ended in a penalty shoot-out against D&E Division Four high fliers Thorverton at Tatworth.

A niggly first half, littered with free kicks, ended goal less.

The visitors' broke the deadlock five minutes after the interval, but The Mothers' response was swift and Josh Chadwick equalised five minutes later and this triggered their best spell of the match but, despite plenty of possession and crosses into the box, they couldn't craft a winner and the game went to extra time.

The Thors regained the lead with a fine 20-yard strike only for Street to level again when Tom Perry converted a Ben Smith cross.

Smith had a great chance to win it in the 120th minute when Billy Sheahan put him clean through but he fired wide.

All the penalties were scored in the shot out until Sam Bond missed and the visitors netted their fifth.

"I though we edged it, but to be fair they [Thorverton] stopped us from playing at anything like our best - not our day," said Street manager Andy Bond.

Perry Street turn their attention back to the D&E Division Three next Saturday and a trip to face lowly Clyst Valley with the league title now clearly in sight. (3pm).

PERRY STREET LEAGUE PREMIER
Beaminster 1 Misterton 2

STUART Weston marked his call up from the Reserves in stunning fashion with two goals as Misterton provided yet another twist in this season's intriguing Premier Division title race.

Netherbury 0 Barrington 6

WITH results elsewhere going their way, Barrington took full advantage to move into the driving seat in the quest for the title.

It took The Yellow Hammers 25 minutes to breakdown their plucky hosts with Andy Whitefield breaking the deadlock.

But they were then forced into a reshuffle when Alex Paul was forced off with what was later found to be damaged ankle ligaments.

Undeterred, Whitefield struck again to create a two-goal cushion at the interval.

With the win now in the bag, Barrington, now the league's top scorers, looked to increase their goal difference that may yet prove a telling factor in the destination of the trophy.

James Thompson made it 3-0 before Whitefield completed his hat trick and later strikes from Adam Dawe and George Hayward made up the half dozen.

"Fair play to the Netherbury keeper [Arthur Gay] he made five or six top saves or we would have had double figures," said Barrington boss Sid Brown.

South Petherton 1
Shepton Beauchamp 2

LAST season's runners-up South Petherton's hopes of going one better this season were dented by a defeat which sees Shepton keep alive their chances of lifting the 113-year-old trophy.

Referee Mike Dobson was the man in the middle in every sense in an all action first half with three crucial penalty decisions.

Pethy thought they had a certain penalty when Ash Smith was bundled over in the 20th minute but referee Dobson waved away their appeals.

Ten minutes later he did point to the spot after Jordan Brain jinked his way into the box before being brought down and Pete Field made no mistake to put Shepton ahead. And, after Brain was once again felled in the area, Field held his nerve to convert from 12 yards three minutes before half time.

Pethy toiled away after the break in an attempt to get back into the game. They grabbed a lifeline when Shane Adcock-Case netted from the third penalty of the afternoon eight minutes from time but couldn't fashion a late leveler.

"We were lacking in the final third and struggled with no centre forward to finish things off," said home manager Karl Diment.

Shepton player-manager Doug Whitfield was delighted with the result: "Suddenly it seems we have a slim chance again."

Remaining fixtures (top four);
Barrington: Shepton Beauchamp (A), Misterton (A), Shepton Beauchamp (H).
Beaminster: Netherbury (A), Winsham Utd (H), South Petherton (A), Chard Utd (A).
South Petherton: Misterton (H), Winsham Utd (A), Beaminster (H).
Shepton Beauchamp: Barrington (H), Barrington (A), Combe Res (A), Winsham Utd H).

■ SPOT ON: Pete Field

DIVISION ONE

HOME wins, and clean sheets, for Forton Rangers, Merriott Rovers and Pymore saw the trio makes strides towards clinching a places up in next season's Premier Division.

A Shane Webb header in the first half earned Pymore all three points from the visit of promotion rivals Hawkchurch.

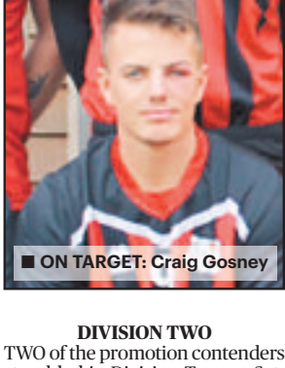
It was the same scoreline at Merriott where the Rovers were indebted to a Craig Gosney goal as they edged past lowly Combe A.

Meanwhile, Forton stole a march in the goal difference stakes with a 4-0 victory over another of the high flies Waytown Hounds.

Lee Richardson fired the hosts ahead just before half time, and, aided by a strong wind the Rangers surged home with further strikes from Richardson again, Robbie Walker and Andy Stevenson.

The other game in the Division saw Ilminster Colts come form behind to win 2-1 at Shepton Beauchamp Reserves.

Player-manager Terry Crocker fired the hosts ahead but Warren Gabbidon equalised before half time and Sam Tratt headed home the winner five minutes from time.


■ ON TARGET: Craig Gosney

DIVISION TWO

TWO of the promotion contenders stumbled in Division Two on Saturday.

Goals from MoM Toby Thorne and Matt Crabb in the opening 20 minutes were enough to earn Winsham Utd Reserves a gutsy 2-1 win at title favourites Halstock who had just an Ian Hilton-Barrett OG to show for their efforts.

Elsewhere, Charmouth's hopes of a return to Division One all-but ended when they were thrashed 6-1 on their own Barrs lane turf by lowly Crewkerne Rangers who gave their own hopes of beating the drop a huge boost.

The Rangers were in control at half time courtesy of goals from Tom Broome and Chris Tanner.

Charmouth pulled one back on the hour but the visitors werene't ot be denied and stormed to victory with further strikes from Simon Denslow, George Tuck - his first for the club since moving from Drimpton - and a brace from Jamie Spurdle as he too opened his account for the Blues.

Meanwhile, a Lee Fisher goal earned Thorncombe a point after a 1-1 draw at Chard United Reserves. Dan Potter netted for Chard.

DIVISION THREE

Chard Rangers Res 0 Merriott Dynamos 5 (T,Markowski 3, M.Hill, C.Smith), Fivehead 3 (P.Gold 3) Lyme Regis Rovers 2 (J.Day, F.McLean), Ilminster Town A 3 (J.Osborne 2, A.Hartnell) Crewkerne Rangers Res 0, Misterton Res 3 (K.Bailey, K.Adams, OG) Thorncombe Res 0, Uplyme Res 2 (J.Harris 2) Farway Utd Res 1 K.Fletcher).

football tables

Toolstation D1 (42)	Pld	Pts
Wellington	35	75
Keynsham Town	37	72
Hengrove Athletic	33	70
Cheddar	35	70
Ashton & Backwell	36	58
Bishops Lydeard	35	56
Radstock Town	34	55
CHARD TOWN	36	54
Malmesbury Victoria	35	52
Wincanton Town	37	51
Portishead Town	35	49
Westbury Utd	36	49
Roman Glass SG	36	48
Chippenham Park	35	47*
Devizes Town	36	47
Warminster Town	34	42
Bishops Sutton	35	41
Oldland Abbotonians	33	37
Welton Rovers	37	34
Calne Town	34	31
Corsham Town	35	29
Almondsbury UWE	35	25

Somerset D1W (24)	Pld	Pts
Portishead Town Res	19	45
ILMINSTER TOWN	19	38
Winscombe	19	36
Somerton Town	19	35
Street Reserves	18	33
Minehead AFC	20	32
Uphill Castle	19	30
Burnham Utd	19	24
Cleeve West Town	21	23
Highbridge Town	18	18*
COMBE St NIC	20	14
Glastonbury	20	12
Congresbury	19	5*

D&E Div 3 (20)	Pld	Pts
PERRY STREET	17	44
University 4ths	19	44
Bampton	19	39
Axminster Res	19	34
East Budleigh	20	29
Honiton Town Res	19	29
Newton Poppleford	19	24
Tedburn St Mary	20	23
Exmouth Amat Res	19	17
Clyst Valley Res	19	16
Culm Utd	20	4

D&E Div 7 (22)	Pld	Pts
ILMINSTER RES	21	53
Cranbrook	21	51
Wellington 3rds	21	48
Exmouth Spartans	20	37
Sidmouth 3rds	20	36
K&M Polonia Exe	20	24
Cheriton Fitzpaine	20	22
Bickleigh Res	18	20
Seaton Town Res	18	19*
Woodbury Res	20	19
Colyton Res	18	7
HT Dons	21	7

Perry St Prem (18)	Pld	Pts
Barrington	15	37
Beaminster	14	31
South Petherton	15	31
Shepton Beau	14	29
Misterton	13	23
Winsham Utd	14	20
W & M Chinnock	14	10
Chard Utd	12	8
Netherbury	13	6
Combe Reserves	14	2*

Perry St Div 1 (18)	Pld	Pts
Pymore	12	27
Forton Rangers	13	26
Merriott Rovers	12	23
Waytown Hounds	13	23
Hawkchurch Utd	10	19
Ilminster Colts	13	19
Uplyme	11	14
Shepton Beau Res	14	14*
Combe A	13	8
South Petherton Res	13	2

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	Pts
Halstock	13	30
Chard Rangers	12	30
Winsham Utd Res	15	28
Farway Utd	13	27
Charmouth	16	26
Dowlish & Donyatt	14	15
Thorncombe	15	14
Kingsbury Episcopi	15	12
Crewkerne Rangers	12	10
Chard Utd Reserves	13	7

Perry St Div 3 (22)	Pld	Pts
Misterton Reserves	16	41
Uplyme Reserves	13	30
Forton Rangers Res	12	30
Merriott Dynamos	14	26
Ilminster Town A	17	26
Crewk Rangers Res	15	20
Thorncombe Res	15	19
Fivehead	14	19
Lyme Regis Rovers	15	17*
Chard Rangers Res	16	11
Farway Utd Res	15	9
Chard Utd All Stars	14	2*

SW Women's D1E (16)	Pld	Pts
Forest Green Rovers	14	40
AEK Boco	12	27
Oldland Abbot's	10	19
ILMINSTER TOWN	11	17
Cheltenham CS	11	15*
FC Chippenham	13	14
Cheltenham Town	14	9
Team Mendip	13	3

tee off golf news

Housham emerges from the fog with six point victory

CRICKET ST THOMAS
with Bert Robinson

A TOTAL of 23 pairs took part in the seventh round of the Winter League competition in good playing conditions on March 13th.

The previous wet weather had made the greens soft, taking footmarks and pitch marks, making putting more difficult.

Despite this several teams attained the 40+ mark,

Result: 1st John Wandless & Robin Flower 43 points, 2nd Roger Stone & John McOmish 42, 3rd Bob Barrow & Frank Martin 41.

Meanwhile, 35 Seniors entered the monthly stableford competition in misty conditions last Wednesday,

The late starters benefitted as the fog lifted after nine holes.

Result: Division One – 1st Ian Housham (44 points) 2nd Chris Gingell (38), 3rd Phil Dewar (33).

Division Two – 1st John Pearce (41 points) 2nd Martin Leigh (37), 3rd Richard Hall (35).

Elsewhere, 45 Seniors travelled to East Devon Golf Club last Thursday for the first round of the Seniors Challenge Cup.

Putting proved to be difficult as the undulating greens were faster than the players had experienced and nobody made a par score.

Result: 1st John Wandless 35 points, 2nd Nick Clarke 35, 3rd Bob Hollingsworth 33.

A busy week for the seniors finished on Friday with the Captain's Charity Greensomes when 36 members were drawn into 18 teams.

In a close finish, Bob Barrow & John Pearce

finished on 40 points, the same as Roger Stone & Fred Oliver, but took first place by virtue of a better back nine.

Result: 1st Bob Barrow & John Pearce (40), 2nd Roger Stone & Fred Oliver (40), 3rd Phil Dewar & Nick George (37).

HONITON *with John Pawley*

LAST Tuesday the Mixed group played a four-ball team event with any two Stableford scores to count.

Of the six teams taking part, Di and Phil Wall, Joan Smith & John Frith came first with 83 points ahead of Sue and Paul Ritchie, Vicki Rogers & Barry Rogers with 81.

Thick fog greeted the ladies for their Wednesday Stableford, but this quickly cleared to reveal a warm sunny day, perfect for golf.

Despite some withdrawals, 30 ladies teed off, and with the second hole out of play and some temporary greens, the competition was declared a non-qualifier.

With only 17 holes in play some good scores were posted, with Elizabeth Ward winning Silver Division with 31pts ahead of Ann Trayling on 28.

Bronze One winner was Janet Hughes with 33pts followed by Joan Smith on 30, just ahead of Diana Gee on count-back.

Bronze Two was won by Cherry Liell with 33pts followed by Sheila Palmer with 27. Birdies were achieved by Janet Hughes and Linda Blundell.

The Friday Stableford and Eclectic last week saw nearly 60 Seniors take to the course.

Division Two was won by Alex Neil with 39 points, earning him a handicap cut. He was followed by Nick Mitchell on 33 ahead, on count-back from Peter Blake, Steve Blundell and Bob Cleal.

Division One was won by Steve Butcher who also carded 39pts - and now plays off a seven handicap. He was followed by Jim Wallis on 36, ahead on count-back, of Tony Williams, David Scott, Paul Ritchie and Mike Ward.

Phil Faulkner, Jim Wallis, Brian Bird and Paul Ritchie carded 2s at the second, Ted Chandler at the 12th and Alan Devenny at the difficult fourth.

Julian Netherway entertained his 60 guests at the Club-house for his Captain's Dinner on Saturday.

All proceeds from this evening, and the many other events at the Club, will go towards the chosen charity. All Captains chose to raise money throughout the coming year for two local Charities - TRIP Community Transport Association and Honiton Dementia Action Alliance.

TRIP announce that their aim is 'Keeping East Devon Mobile' and the Honiton Dementia Action Alliance is known locally as the Memory Cafe.

Donations can be made at any time to both organisations - http://www.honitondaa.org.uk/ and http://www.tripcta.org/.

AXE CLIFF *with Peter Motson*

THE Men played the March Medal on March 5thwhen the Division One winner was Anthony Hellier with a net 74 while Ian Burraston won Division Two with a net 74.

■ **TOP EVENING:** Honiton Golf Club members pictured at Julian Netherway's captain's dinner on Saturday night

Round nine of The Winter League was played on 12th March, format stableford. Andrew Hellier took first spot with an excellent 40pts, in 2nd place (on back 9) was Stuart Mackie with 38, and Alan Morgan was third.

The Ladies section started the week with a friendly Greensomes at Sidmouth when eight ladies from each club set off hoping for a good result for their club, especially Axe Cliff who all had to give the shots.

Helen Kenworthy & Janet Dack won 3up, Margaret Kenchington & Helen Gaudie got a half, Sandra Walker & Jo Donmall won 1up and Stella Thompson & Barbara Cummings won 3&2, so it was a good win for Axe Cliff.

On Wednesday the ladies had their Bring and Win competition, this year over 18 holes and with six clubs and a putter stableford competition.

1st was Margaret Kenchington with 37pts, in 2nd was Anne Jarvis with 32 on countback from Helen Kenworthy.

The Seniors section played their March Stableford. In 1st place, on countback, with 38 points was David Evans (19 pts on the back nine) with John Mant taking 2nd place. In 3rd place, also on countback, was Peter Hornsby with 37 (19 pts on the back nine) with Sid Pember fourth.

R Bragg, D Evans, R Grove, T Strong and A Vincent all carded 2s.

on the fronter around the local skittles leagues

COLYTON

KO Cup: Kingfisher A 348 (R Collier 64) Axminster Con A 351 (I Macdonald 67); Volunteer B 357 (S Selway 74) Cloakham B 351 (M Enticott 65);

KO'D Cup:Vine B 452 (R Blackmore 91) Colyton Club A 421 (G Greenslade 78); Offwell A 306 (D Spragg 60) Honiton Con D 312 (W Tratt 58);

Both finals are on Saturday 8th April, 8:30pm start, at the Colcombe Castle. (KO Cup downstairs, KO'D Cup upstairs)

Div 1: Lamb B 353 (M Pidgeon, A Churchill 62) Red Lion Cavaliers 332 (M Summers,W Phillips 61); Gerrard A 380 (D Hawkins 68) Colcombe A 351 (S Marks 64); Colyton Club A 335 (P Scotchford 63) Tuckers Arms B 338 (D Coombes 61); Vine B 340 (C Prismoll 340) Lamb A 344 (S Pomeroy 63); New Inn A 349 (R Webb 68) Cloakham B 358 (P Bevis 75); Red Lion A 394 (C Garner 81) Axminster Con A 358 (D Board, C Sharpe 63); Seaton FC A 349 (M Searle 66) Honiton Con D 351 (S Tratt 65);

Div 2: Offwell A 375 (J Lockyer 74) Honiton WMC A 388 (M Cardy 71); Honiton Converts 411 (S Lapping 79) Kings Arms Beers 382 (S Summers 82); Eagle Tavern 365 (C Hutchings 66) Tuckers A 369 (M Oliver 80); Wheelwright A 367 (G Penick 64) Vine A 326 (G Doidge 61); Colcombe Beerboys 397 (P White 82) Volunteer A 389 (M Woollacott 83); Ship C 382 (N Ostler 70) Dolphin Vikings 360 (A Parkhouse 64); Sidbury Stones 328 (A Sweetland, J Bass 58) Gerrard B 337 (C Trivett, M Orsman 58);

Div 3: Colcombe B 424 (T Yates 81) Red Lion Sidbury 403 (N Barrett 80); Kingfisher A 326 (R Collier 61) Three Tuns BTP 272 (R Williams 53); Volunteer B 296 (T Stevens 57) White Hart B 298 (G Binmore 59); Wilmington Harts 361 (J Woollacott 64) Ship A 401 (D Minchin 74); Mountbatten Whites 319 (N Bonetta 60) Vine Nomads 347 (G Norman 73);

Div 4: Rising Sun B 362 (L Burke 75) New Inn B 353 (S Davey 63); Kings Arms A 350 (R Allen,K Tozer 64) Rising Sun A 327 (B Venn, G West 56); Honiton WMC B 310 (G Hart 57) Heathfield A 322 (D Crabb 67); Honiton Con A 338 (T Bennet 70) Honiton ConArtists 330 (M Parkinson 71); Tuckers Arms C 352 (F Pearse 67) Winstons A 352 (B Parker 70);

Div 5: White Hart A 372 (S Dove 72) Kingfisher B 327 (A Hurford 57); Tuckers Arms D 290 (Gem Hall, Debbie Jowett 55) Seaton Bowling 321 (T Hurley-Smith 58); Winstons KOOTS 350 (D Purrington 66) Offwell B 364 (S Scotland 70); Heathfield B 348 (M Glaeser 67) Colcombe Nomads 374 (P Easter 81); Dolphin B 366 (Abbie Gribble 69) Colyton Club B 389 (M Berry 75).

Division One	Pld	Pts
New Inn A	21	28
Red Lion Cavs	21	28
Axe Con A	21	27
Gerrard A	21	27
Honiton Con D	21	24
Lamb B	21	22
Vine B	21	22
Tuckers B	21	21
Seaton AFC A	21	20
Colyton Club A	21	19
Red Lion A	21	17
Colcombe A	21	16
Lamb A	21	13
Cloakham B	21	10

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Offwell A	21	28
Volunteer A	21	27
Sidbury SC Stones	21	26
Vine A	21	26
Ship C	21	23
Gerrard B	21	22
Honiton Converts	21	22
Dolphin Vikings	21	20
Honiton WMC A	20	19
Wheelwright A	20	17
Tuckers Arms A	21	17
Eagle Tavern	21	16
Colcombe Beerboys	21	15
Kings Arms Beers	21	12

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Vine Nomads	17	23
Wilmington Harts	18	22
Sidbury Village Inn	18	21
Cloakham Wanderers	18	20
Volunteer B	19	20
Kingfisher A	18	18
White Hart B	18	18
Mountbatten Whites	18	16
Red Lion Sidbury	17	15
Three Tuns BTP	17	14
Colcombe B	18	14
Ship A	16	10

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Rising Sun A	17	30
Axe Inn A	18	23
Kings Arms A	17	22
Heathfield A	18	22
Honiton Con A	17	17
Seaton AFC B	17	16
Honiton WMC B	18	15
New Inn B	18	15
Honiton Con Artists	17	14
Rising Sun B	19	14
Winstons	19	14
Tuckers Arms C	19	11

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Colcombe Nomads	18	32
Colyton Club B	17	30
Offwell Rejects	19	26
Seaton Bowling	18	24
Sidmouth Arms Kings	17	20
Winstons Koots	19	18
Dolphin B	17	16
White Hart A	17	14
Kingfisher B	17	12
Heathfield B	18	10
Honiton Con Raiders	18	6
Tuckers Arms D	17	4

AXMINSTER

Mens Singles

Colcombe - A (R Collier 70) Ax Con Rebels (W Phillips 70) Colcombe Nomads (R Gush 68) King Wingers (J Barrett 67) Seaton BC (67) W H Warriors (M McGarrigle 66).

Cloakham - Colcombe B (K Wyatt 64) Lamb A (D Jones 60) New Inn C (R Webb 59) Ax FC A (D Sloman 58) Ax Con A (G Thomas 57) Red Devils (R Summers 57) Red Lion D (D Thompson 56) Wootton Cowboys (A Strawbridge 50) Kingfisher Feds (J Chaplyn 49) Thorncombe A (M Stead 49) New Inn Hawks (K Quick 39).

Red Lion - B&Gs (M Enticott 74) Tuckers Maggots (D Davenport 72) Gerrard B (J Salter 71) Green Army (G Kent 68) Tuckers Y (R Pike 65) Ax Inn Jokers (A Churchill 64) Colcombe A (F Batten 64) Old Inn Kilm A (M Collier 61) Lamb Shanks (P Herrod 60) New Inn A (A Rees 58) Lamb 49rs (J Ellis 58) Ax FC Halfcuts (P Reed 54).

New Inn - Sidmouth Arms (N Parris 64) Thorncombe C (M Taylor 64) Cloakham Stars (A Harris 62) Ax Inn B (A Beer 60) Tuckers C (S Spiller 54) Thorncombe B (M Boulton 54) Old Kilm B (A France 53).

Mens Pairs

Gerrard Arms – Ax Inn Jokers 130 Colcombe Nomads 128 Kingfisher A 126 W H Wilm A 124 King Wingers 124 Seaton BC 116 Colcombe A 115 Ship Rotary 115 Tuckers Maggots 115.

Winstons - Kingfisher Feds 144 (P Squire 74 P Squire 70) Kings Arms Seaton 134 (K Massey 68 W Doble 66) Gerrard B 125 (G Holland 54 R Satterley 71) B & G's 113 (D Board 61 B Pring 52) New Inn Hawks 110

Kings Arms Seaton - Tuckers Y 112 (L Burrough 54 R Pearse 58) Gerrard A 111 (G Richards 56 J Richards 55) Wootton Cowboys 111 (P Studley 53 P Chapman 58) Gerrard C 110 (M Webber 49 B Knight 61) W H Warriors 102 (R Upright 46 P Christmas 56) Colcombe B 102 (P Wyatt 55 K Mitcham 47) Thorncombe C 98 (T Ellis 51 S Harrison 47).

Ax Con Club - Thorncombe A 98 (R Maber 46 N Hawker 52) Lamb A 98 (D Weston 49 G Smith 49) Tuckers C 97 (Jobby 44 S Hembrow 53) Cloakham Stars 90 (A Ostler 46 J Fursey 44) Lamb Spartans 84 (S Flint 43 S Dickson 41) New Inn A 83 (T Cook 35 D Hodder 48) Lamb 49rs 82 (T Chubb 42 J Short 40)

Ax Football Club – New Inn C 145 (B Smith 77 P Johnson 68) Thorncombe B 142 (A Farley 66 M Turner 76) Red Lion C 139 (M Herrod 71 L Herrod 68) Red Devils 137 (B Huntley 69 K Bull 68) Green Army 132 (D Kelland 76 R Chapple 56) Lamb Shanks 127 (T Deem 62 R Lancashire 65) Ax Inn B 118 (J Trott 60 R Summers 58)

Tuckers Arms – Red Lion D 127 (D Herbert 63 T Herbert 64) Ax FC IV 126 (J Mitcham 56 J Bearpark 70) Sidmouth Arms 126 (D Patch 64 J Rich 62) Ax Con Rebels 123 (M Summers 63 P Pomeroy 60) Ax FC A 123 (R J Thresher 61 A Webber 62) Ax Con A 114 (B Styles 62, P Banner 52) Old Kilm B 110 (O Harris 52 M Prideaux 58).

Ladies Knock Out Cup Final - Colcombe A 304 (R Knight 57) Thorncombe Newtops 284 (W Burls 53).

Salisbury Cup Final: Colcombe B 313 (S Wilton 63) Seaton BC 289 (L Hurley Smith 57).

Ladies Singles

New Inn - Tuckers A (L Gould 65) Gerrard A (S Gardner 58) Wotnots (C Phillips 57) Cloakham A (A Ellis 57) Ax Inn Allsorts (R Enticott 54) Colcombe B (S Wilton 51) Ax Inn A (J Palmer 50) Thorncombe Newtops (C Bull 46) Colcombe Angels (J Binmore 45).

Red Lion - Colcombe A (A Ogden 72) W H Wilm A 61 Thorncombe A (B Harding 59) Rousdon Ladies (E Beviss 57) Colcombe Girls (M Wills 54) New Inn A 52.

Ax Inn - Red Lion A (J Flint 66) Ax Fc Battleaxes (S Bennett 57) Tuckers B (A Bennett 52) Seaton FC (L Smitham 51) Seaton BC (P Whitworth 48) Bees Knees (S Russell 48) New Inn B (J Quick 43).

Ladies Pairs

Cloakham - Colcombe A 116 (S Newton 49 S Foxwell 67) Wotnots 107 (B Crispin 61 A Williams 46) Ax FC Battleaxes 106 (L Beer 56 B Lunt 50) Thorncombe A 103 (T Marks 46 K Gaylard 57) Colcombe B 102 (J Real 45 S Chaplin 57) New Inn A 101 (P Hurford 51 H Hopewell 50) Tuckers B 95 (S Cooper 52 C Cole 43) New Inn B 85 (M Gardner 44 W Mitcham 41).

Colcombe - Gerrard A 135 (A Kay 73 C Thurston 62) Bees Knees 134 (L Bastin 77 R Grigg 57) Seaton FC 131 (T Kenworthy 61 S Smart 70) Rousdon Ladies 129 (G Gabb 73 S Millman 56) W H Wilm A 119 (A Pammenter 57 H Hible 62) Seaton BC 103 (L Hurley-Smith 54) B Thompson 49).

AX FC- Red Lion A 135 (L Shepperd 65 M Miller 70) Cloakham A 131 (D Harrison 64 W Kiy 67) Ax Inn A 128 (D Walsh 69 S Gage 59) B&Js Cloakham 123 (B Sluman 65 J Bagguley 58) Colcombe Girls 119 (S Marks 59 A Warn 60) Ax Inn Allsorts 118 (D Sanger 51 J Pring 67) Tuckers A 116 (M Hurford 51 C Seward 65) Colcombe Angels 106 (C Packman 57 B Bracey 49) Thorncombe Newtops 99.

Crewkerne & District

Divisional Cups SF (March 31st)

Division One; Lost Boys v Super Sexy Six (Royal Oak, Crewk), Royal Oak Drimpton v Coachmen (GRC Wall).

Division Two: Fryers v Muppets (Royal Oak Drimpton), Rugrats v Ugly Ducklings (White hart, Crewk).

Division Three: Admiral 6 v Royal Chokers (GRC window), Willy Low Flyers v Kings Men (Merriott Social).

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Division One	Pld	Pts
Cricketers	14	92
Rockey's Rollers	13	92
Crown Crusaders	13	86
Flying Turkeys A'Stars	12	83
Flying Turkeys	12	78
Wyndham Warriors	14	76
Ashill Inn	13	74
Nomads	12	61
Hatch Beagles	13	54

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Bell Broadway	13	102
Bell A	13	92
Royal Oak Faces	13	87
Kings Head	13	86
Floaters	13	85
Ilton Choppers	12	73
Ashill Boys	11	66
Wyndham Clangers	12	46
Hatch Eggs	14	24

EAST DEVON HUNT

Division One	Pld	Pts
Marvels	21	30
Culm Vale	20	28
Blacksmiths	20	24
Ur Arrs	20	24
Honiton Clyst	21	24
Talaton	21	22
Foxenhole	22	22
Night Owls	22	21
Marsh Green	21	20
Stags	21	20
Sutton Wanderers	21	20
Auctioneers	21	17
Upottery	21	10
Sidford	18	8

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Latecomers	20	28
Jack's Lads	19	26
Keepers	19	26
A Team	21	24
Perkins Village	18	23
Cocks & Hens	20	22
Zulu Warriors	18	21
Breakaways	19	17
Top Cats	19	17
Tuckers Arms	18	15
Awliscombe Shoot	17	13
Brooksiders	20	12
Bakers 8	20	4

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Bashers	15	25
Yetties	17	24
New Inn	18	24
Broadclyst	17	22
Here for the Beer	19	20
Guys & Gals	20	20
Axe Valley	19	19
Goldtops	19	19
Maynards	15	14
Yoyo's	18	14
Alley Cats	19	12
Cee Dee's	20	12
Earth Stoppers	16	7

Top Scores; Dave Youlden 97, Sid Peters & Steve Loud both 90.

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Premier Division	Pld	Pts
High 4 & a Half	11	220
Rejects Return	11	203
BDBs	10	139
Wanderers	10	137
Crusaders	10	136
Hobnobs	12	133
Happy Sharks	10	102
Hopefuls	10	88
Pig Jockeys	12	104
Cult of Personality	12	100
Pirates	13	96
Nice Ricks	12	83

Most 180s; P.Lawrence 9, L.Cox 8, G.Hill 5, S. Mainwaring 4, S.Rutter 3, six players 2, 13 players 1.

Most 180s; A.Sharp 3, S.Castle & M.Ballance both 2, 14 players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
HRT	12	154
Happy Days	12	125
Madhouse Crew	11	123
Dizzy Tarts	11	111
Stumpy's Gang	9	100
The Haymaker	11	81
No skill, just lucky	9	67
Two minute crew	11	67

Most 180s; A.Pidgeon, A.Mather, B.Allen, R.Davies A.Sprake & K.Tovey all x1.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Okey Doaks	13	162
Pop Darts	13	148
Random Tossers	12	139
Down's	13	130
PAs	12	115

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Division One	Pld	Pts
Hot Shots	17	133
Why	17	123
King Willy	15	106
Jokers	17	103
Mighty Oaks	15	103
Crusaders	16	74
Cats Eyes	16	72
Happy Hooters	14	70
Clubbers	14	56
Wafty Crankers	12	48
Madrid Reserves	15	36

Highest get out; L.Gosney 158.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Dart Side	15	110
The Professionals	16	104
Rosie's Rebels	16	101
Who Knows	15	86
Pigs on Tour	14	84
The Bandits	13	77
Del Boys	15	77
Double Trouble	13	72
Job Lot Crew	12	36
Globetrotters	13	34

Highest get out; J.Adams 145.

rugby chard

Big away victory

Somerton 17
Chard 2nd 59
Somerset Div Two (S)
by Gavin Smillie

CHARD travelled to Somerton with a young team team as most players were under the age of 20 but the average age was raised with the inclusion of veteran props Brian sugar and Richard Lovelock. Ben Stead also made a second half appearance.

Skipper Billy Brookes crossed over the line to open the scoring in the 10th minute with Cam Helliar adding the extras.

The error-strewn opening continued before the hosts added two quick scores to go ahead 12-7.

Chard regrouped and with half time aproaching another colt Joe Mainwaring scored a converted try to end the half 14-12 in front.

Chard came out for the second half looking a different team with slick passing and good set plays and it wasn't long before Billy Vernon crossed for an unconverted try and three minutes later Ben Stead crossed and this time Cam Helliar was on target with the conversion.

Emil Szydelko was the next on the score sheet with two tries both converted by Helliar.

Stead ran through the opposition defence to score his second of the day to make it 12-45

From the restart the hosts pack stepped up a gear and deserved their thirad try of the day for effort alone.

Szydelko added his third of the day with a fantastic run from his own 22 to make it 17-52.

Not to be out done Vernon scored a fantastic individual try, again converted by the reliable Helliar to complete the scoring

Touch judge Duncan Nicholls chose Ross Colenso as Man of the match.

FIXTURES - Next Saturday

Newent v Chard (SWest One)
Chard 2nds v Burnham on Sea (Somerset 2 South)
Wyvern v Chard 3rds (Somerset 3 South).

starter's orders running news

Triumph for Taylor at Cerne Abbas

Axe Valley Runners

THE lovely running weather on Sunday was very welcome for the runners of the TAVY 13, a half marathon on roads and tracks starting in Tavistock, before heading out on to Dartmoor.

AVR, Graham Newton lined up with the 500 other runners on the start line at Tavistock collegen before heading out to steep hills of the moor.

Graham was very pleased with his effort finishing in 1:43:07 to win the men's over 65 category prize, beating the over 60 winner's time by a full two minutes.

Chard Road Runners
with Paul Masters

THERE was just the one event last weekend with Jeremy Taylor and Paul Masters heading off to Cerne Abbus for the CERNE GIANT CHALLENGE - a self navigation 31-mile race.

Taylor was off the line first making a full-on push to the front of the pack and hit checkpoint one with just a few other runners still looking to be in contention.

Masters, carrying an injury into the race, was following a different gameplan of assisting a group with navigation experience,.

Taylor meanwhile had opened up a convincing lead and finished in 5:36:00, a massive 20 minute ahead of second placed runner.

Master kept moving and with great support from other runners crossed the line in 7:02:02.

Honiton Running Club
with Judy Davey

HONITON Running Club had a great turn out for this year's 30th GRIZZLY and CUB runs.

For the first time in the history of the event it was won by AVR's own member Jake Smith in the amazing time of 2 hours 20 minutes.

Although first back for HRC, Kevin Hawker had a bad run suffering with back pain from mile six and having to hobble along the last three miles to come 66th in 2:53.

Ben Stone only secured his Grizzly number a couple of days before the race so Grizzly specific training was sparse. He had an excellent result coming 106th in exactly three hours.

■ WINNER: Jeremy Taylor

Chris Entwistle fell and bruised his shoulder at mile 14 but also carried on and finished in 3:03 in 127th place. Adam Hennessey came just two places and 20 seconds behind Chris.

HRC's first lady back was Fran Bond 228th in 3:18. Other HRC runners' places and times were: 230 David Hawker 3:18, 271 Steve Davey 3:22, 304 Ian Stewart 3:25, 335 Judy Davey 3:28, 360 Suzanne Spiller 3:31, 379 Simon Spiller 3:32, 382 Sherrie Hair 3:32, 454 Vernon Gillard 3:37, 470 Richard Harris 3:38, 493 Hadleigh Davies 3:40, 500 Tom Bornet 3:41, 556 Paula Ferris 3:45, 562 Richard Terry 3:46, 565 Tim Wigram 3:47, 578 Pippa Westall 3:47, 626 Rachel Gair 3:51, 676 Heather Foundling-Hawker 3:56, 757 Andy Ashford 4:02, 824 Nicola Greenland 4:08, 995 Helen Davy 4:18, 1019 Rachel Hennessey 4:22, 1084 Asilah Jarrald 4:26. Anna Dalzell, Vanessa Knowles, Michelle Selley finished together in 5:15 with Debbie Vinnicombe completing the HRC line-up in 5:35.

The nine-mile Cub Run is a tough race in itself but attracted several HRC runners. Will Daly did very well coming 10th in 1:13.

Other HRC results: 65th Helen Oliff 1:33, 85 Katy Campbell 1:37, 114 Jennie Sleeman 1:40, 131 Kelvin Peard 1:42, 200 Claire Rouse 1:49, 202 Denis Costello 1:49, 263 Geri Terry 1:57, 273 Joe Daly 1:59, 287 Jo Taylor 2:00, 307 Pete Lyus 2:02, 345 Karen Lister 2:07, 353 Clare Melbourne 2:09, 354 Juliet Hall 2:09.

Before all this took place, the youngsters had their turn on Saturday and a record 314 runners finished the fun run.

Results; Max Spiller 88th, Ella Spiller 110th, Charlie Entwistle 273rd and three-year-old Harry Entwhistle 285th.

The Junior Grizzly attracted 47 entrants with HRC junior, Alfie Gibbins, coming 11th in 18 minutes 16 seconds and Ben Entwistle coming 46th in 28:45.

■ BRING IT ON: Honiton Running Club members pictured before the start of last week's gruelling Grizzly Run

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HONITON

KNOCK Out Cup Results 16th March; Quarter Final (second leg)+ agg score; Blacksmith Arms (3)+4 = 7 Vine Inn A (5)+4 = 9, Feniton Soc B (3)+3 = 6 Honiton Inn B (5)+5 = 10, Vine Inn B (6)+4 = 10 Workingmens B (2)+4 = 6, Workingmens A (3)+4 = 7 New Fountain (5)+4 = 9.

Fixture (March 23rd)
Singles Competition at the Workingmens Club players please 7.15pm registaration for 7.30pm start.

Fixtures March 30th
KO Cup Semi Final March 8pm (first leg) New Fountain v Honiton Inn B, Vine Inn A v Vine Inn B.

Dan Downs Plate First Round (8pm) Workingmens Club B v Honiton Inn A, Blacksmiths Arms v Feniton Soc A, Thirsty Farmer v Workingmens Club A.

Fixture April 6th
KO Cup Semi Final 8pm (second leg)
Honiton Inn B v New Fountain, Vine Inn B v Vine Inn A.

Dan Downs Plate Semi Final 8pm.

Nags gallop to double

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RESULTS (March 13th); Nags Head 4 Stepps 1, Charlie's Angels 0 Dolphin 5, New Inn Kilm A 3 Ship Inn LR 2, Gerrard Arms 1 New Inn Kilm B 4, Talbot Arms 3 Ax Con Club 2.

Beer League; Nags Head 2 Stepps 1, Charlie's Angels 2 Dolphin 1, New Inn Kilm A 0 Ship Inn LR 3, Gerrard Arms 1 New Inn Kilm B 2, Talbot Arms 1 Ax Con Club 2..

Fixtures (March 27th); Ladies and Men's Singles Competition at The Lamb Inn (7.15 for 7.30pm start).

Final table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR (C)	20	61
Gerrard Arms	20	56
New Inn Kilm A	20	52
Ax Con Club	20	51
Dolphin, Beer	20	51
Ship Inn, LR	20	50
Charlie's Angels	20	49
Lamb Swans	20	49
Talbot Arms	20	47
Stepps	20	45
New Inn Kilm B	20	39

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR (C)	20	37
New Inn Kilm B	20	33
Stepps	20	33
Ax Con Club	20	31
Lamb Swans	20	31
Charlie's Angels	20	30
Gerrard Arms	20	29
Talbot Arms	20	29
Ship Inn, LR	20	27
Dolphin, Beer	20	25
New Inn Kilm A	20	24

jack high bowls news and round-up

HONITON
with Julie Grant

LAST Saturday at ISCA saw two wonderful victories for Honiton Ladies.

Shirley Hiscocks & Rosemary Hirons defeated Torquay United in the Area final of the national pairs and won themselves a place in the last 16 in England and will go to Melton Mowbray next week.

The Honiton four of Ann Brown, Di Hawkins, Heather Chambers & Julie Grant won the county title 26-13 against Mid Devon.

At home earlier in the week Honiton men beat Devon Vice Presidents 78-67, top rink David Tooley, captain Tony Williams, Barry Randall & Jimmy Smith 26-4.

In their last county Foxlands game against Plymouth, Honiton Ladies scored four points with an overall 83-68 win and so stay in Division One. All this thanks to the one winning rink of Rosemary Hirons, Sharon Kenny, Margaret Bright and Shirley Hiscocks 36-6.

Club finals results will appear next week.

AXMINSTER
with David Harris

AXMINSTER men lost their final County Over 60s League match against Isca 65-97 with only the home rink of Alan Nabbaro, Richard Fridge, Don Meylan & Paul Moffit managing a win (26-23).

The men fared better in their home friendly against a strong Devon County Indoor Bowls Association side and did well to force a 60-60 tie on the last end. The winning rinks were; Dave Pike, Martin Apsey, David Harris & Steven Apsey (20-16) añd Brian Cursley, Ken Webster, Alan Curtis & Neil Solomon (22-21).

The Ladies lost their last County Lanes match of the season 84-59 against Isca despite both home rinks winning - Angela Rattenbury, Chris Todd & Judith Moffitt (20-6) and Brenda Edwards, Alison Glyde & Margaret Crompton (20-16).

We have had a disappointing period with our mixed friendlies.

First we lost 65-46 to Taunton Deane with only Pam Hunter, Alan Foster, David Harris & Brian Clark managing a win (17-14) before losing 74-53 to Chard with Morrison Brown, Barbara Mowatt, Andy Curtis & Roger Legg winning 27-15 and Philippa White, Reg Crouch, David Harris & Neil Solomon managing a 20-20 tie.

Finally we lost 89-41 against South Dorset with John Packham, Margaret Brown, Derek Pheby & George Mabon being our only success (21-16).

■ HAPPY TO HELP: Honiton Bowling Club recently present a cheque for £928.75 to Devon Freewheelers. Pictured above Club President Joan Heard and club members with representatives of Devon Freewheelers. Each year the club nominates a local worthy cause and raises money by various social events at the club, by members during their summer bowls tour and from sales of books. In 2017 Honiton Dementia Action Alliance is the chosen cause.

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Football
LIAM Cleal's cool finish helped Axminster Town topple league leaders

■ CLINCHER: Liam Cleal's returned from injury with his seventh goal of the season in Axminster's 2-1 win.

Ten-man Stanley too cute for Yeovil

Yeovil Town 1
Accrington Stanley 1
SkyBet Division Two – att: 2,991

AFTER taking four points from their last two away matches to spark the thought of a Yeovil Town revival, the Glovers failed to turn their numerical advantage into goals on Saturday after Scott Brown was sent off midway through the first half for a horrific tackle on Francois Zoko.

In fact Yeovil played better football against 11 than they did with the advantage, as Accrington Stanley shut up shop and dug in for a point.

Although it looked like they might break through just before half time; Ben Whitfield denied by a superb one-on-one save by keeper Marek Rodak before missing a free header from six yards from a corner; when Stanley took the lead with a simple headed goal from Omar Beckles six minutes after the resumption, it was all uphill for the Glovers.

All credit to manager John Coleman who made a decisive decision immediately following Brown's straight red card dismissal, by replacing his two wingers with midfielders, a ploy that worked well particularly after their goal.

A hapless Yeovil, devoid of any creativity in midfield except for Whitfield, just couldn't break down the visitors defence in which Matty Pearson was outstanding, and it wasn't until the 74th minute that Zoko touched on Matt Dolan's corner that they got level.

Stuart Broom
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To be fair Yeovil were denied what appeared three good shouts for penalties for fouls on Zoko, the last one 10 minutes from time appearing pretty obvious.

■ TOP SCORER: Francois Zoko's 11th goal of the season earned Yeovil a point

Although they bombarded the visiting defence in the final minutes looking for the winner, Stanley stood firm to extend their unbeaten run to eight games and stay above the Glovers on goal difference.

Midweek Yeovil claimed a welcome point at Barnet with an added time goal from Liam Shephard, his first for the club, and with both Leyton Orient and Newport County both losing again, the gap is now thirteen points between the relegation places.

With five of Newport's final nine games against top seven sides looking for promotion, their chances of escaping look thin, and whilst the O's run-in is much kinder, five of the eight are away, and they have lost nine of their 11 games since the New Year; their only successes being taking a point at Huish Park and a win at Plymouth three days later.

However inevitably each season one team in the EFL makes a heroic last gasp run for survival, so Darren Way needs to be alert.

I recently mentioned Kabongo Tshimanga, signed by Way on transfer deadline day in January, and the fact that none of the supporters around me had heard of his whereabouts or seen him, and that he hasn't certainly appeared on any team sheet since signing.

There is a rumour he may no longer be at the club. He still appears on the club website as a Yeovil player, but not in the MK Dons player's profiles, and I cannot find any official news in the media. So what has happened to him?

Yeovil Town have confirmed that their season ticket prices will be frozen for the 2017-18 season (early bird discount is available until April 30th.)

Glovers by numbers

Sky Bet League Div Two (46)	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Doncaster Rovers	38	23	9	6	75	44	31	78
Plymouth Argyle	38	22	6	10	58	40	18	72
Portsmouth	38	19	8	11	59	34	25	65
Stevenage	38	19	4	15	64	52	12	61
Luton Town	37	15	14	8	54	34	20	59
Carlisle United	38	15	14	9	56	56	0	59
Exeter City	38	17	7	14	60	44	16	58
Blackpool	38	14	15	9	59	39	20	57
Mansfield Town	38	14	13	11	45	42	3	55
Wycombe Wanderers	38	15	10	13	47	46	1	55
Colchester United	38	15	9	14	53	50	3	54
Cambridge United	37	15	8	14	48	42	6	53
Grimsby Town	38	14	9	15	45	47	-2	51
Barnet	38	11	15	12	47	52	-5	48
Morecambe	37	13	7	17	44	56	-12	46
Accrington Stanley	36	11	12	13	45	47	-2	45
YEOVIL TOWN	**38**	**10**	**15**	**13**	**39**	**48**	**-9**	**45**
Crewe Alexandra	38	11	12	15	43	54	-11	45
Crawley Town	38	12	9	17	44	60	-16	45
Notts County	38	12	7	19	42	65	-23	43
Hartlepool United	38	10	11	17	48	63	-15	41
Cheltenham Town	38	9	12	17	38	52	-14	39
Newport County	37	7	11	19	41	61	-20	32
Leyton Orient	38	9	5	24	41	67	-26	32

Top scorers (all comps)
1. Francis Zoko 11
2= Tom Eaves 7
2= Otis Khan 7

Shots
1. Tom Eaves 31
2. Otis Khan 21
3. F.Zoko 19
4. M.Dolan 14

Assists
1= Ben Whitfield 6
1= Matt Dolan 6
3= Otis Khan 4
3= Kevin Dawson 4

Appearances
1. Tom Eaves 44
2= Kevin Dawson 42
2= Artur Krysiak 42
4. Matt Dolan 40

Upcoming Fixtures
Saturday, March 25th - A v Exeter City (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, April 1st - H v CARLISLE UTD (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, April 8th - A v Portsmouth (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Friday, April 14th - A v Newport County (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Monday, April 17th H v CREWE ALEXANDRA (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, April 22nd - A v Grimsby (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, April 29th - A v Stevenage (3pm) Sky Bet D2

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